

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

HE HEALETH THE BROKEN IN HEART PSALMS 147

Text: Psalms 147:3

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³ He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

Introduction:

You may have noticed as we read the text that this psalm isn't ascribed to anyone in particular.

Some believe it may have been linked to the ministries of Haggai and Zechariah, and possibly read during the dedication of the second Temple in Jerusalem after it was rebuilt.

Regardless, we clearly sense an attitude of praise and thanksgiving for the blessing of the Lord.

We all would agree that the Lord has blessed each of us beyond measure.

He has given much more than we deserve.

Notice as we consider the worship found in this psalm.

Sermon Content:

1. THE APPEAL TO WORSHIP (VS. 1)

Psalm 147:1

¹ Praise ye the LORD: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely.

Here we discover the psalmist's appeal to worship.

Note:

A. The Command – (vs. 1) “Praise Ye the Lord”

This is not just a suggestion but rather a command.

Praise and worship should never be considered optional for the believer – it should be expected.

Our worship should resonate from the overflow of our awareness of the Lord and our thankfulness to Him.

Worship should be natural.

Illustration:

Why can we get excited about most things except the things of God?

Note not only this Command but also:

B. The Counsel – (vs. 1) “For It Is Good to Sing Praises Unto Our God

The psalmist assured them that it was good to sing praises unto the Lord.

There is nothing like gathering with the saved and lifting our hearts in worship to the Lord who redeemed us from sin and gave us eternal life.

Through worship we exalt the Lord, while lifting our spirits at the same time!

We see not only the Command and Counsel but also note:

C. The Comfort – (vs.1) “For It Is Pleasant”

We read here the worship is pleasant and appropriate.

We’re often too ritualistic when we gather which leads to a complacency and a casualness in our worship.

Understand the word casual is the root to the word casualty.

Sadly, there is often a deadness when it comes to our worship.

We have considered the Appeal to Worship. Notice secondly:

2. THE AWARENESS IN WORSHIP (VS. 2-3)

Psalm 147:2-3

² The LORD doth build up Jerusalem: he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel. ³ He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

In these verses we discover some things that aids our worship.

As we come before the Lord we should be aware of:

A. His Provision (vs. 2a)

Psalm 147:2

*² **The LORD doth build up Jerusalem**: he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.*

Keep in mind this psalm was believed to be written as the second Temple was dedicated, following a time of captivity and absence from Jerusalem.

Through it all, God had not forsaken them. He had been faithful to restore the remnant and would build them again.

Application:

Our awareness of His provision will aid our worship as well.

While we weren't in physical bondage like the children of Israel, we all were bound in sin.

In His mercy and grace, the Lord delivered us from the bondage of sin, purchasing our redemption, and providing life in Him!

Not only should we be aware of His Provision but also:

B. His Inclusion (vs. 2b)

Psalm 147:2

² *The LORD doth build up Jerusalem: **he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.***

These had suffered at the hands of their enemies, refugees forced to dwell in a foreign land.

They had been driven away from their homeland, and overthrown.

God faithfully gathered the outcasts home again. These outcasts had no wealth or status.

Application:

Understand that salvation is available through Christ alone.

No status is required.

“For who so ever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

There are no prerequisites to meet other than faith alone in Christ alone.

This is reason to rejoice.

Not only should we be aware of His Provision and Inclusion but also:

C. His Compassion (vs. 3)

Psalm 147:3

³ He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

The psalmist rejoiced for the gracious compassion shown by the Lord.

He knew their struggles and burdens.

He was more than able to meet whatever need they had.

I am thankful we serve a compassionate Lord.

He knows where we are in the journey.

He knows our heartaches and fears.

He has the ability to comfort, guide, and heal.

He who was willing to bear our sin and shame on the cross will never forsake us in this life.

We have considered the Appeal to Worship and the Awareness In Worship.

Notice thirdly:

3. THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THROUGH WORSHIP (VS. 4-6)

Psalm 147:4-6

⁴ He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names. ⁵ Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite. ⁶ The LORD lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.

We see in these verses the great power and might of the Lord.

The psalmist acknowledged that the Lord was:

A. The God of Creation (vs.4)

Psalm 147:4

⁴ He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names.

God created all that we see and know, and even those parts of space that are yet unknown.

He actually told the number of stars and calls them all by their names.

Scientists believe there are around 250 billion stars in the Milky Way Galaxy alone.

The God we serve created each of those, divinely placing them exactly where He chose, and named every one.

There is no doubt that God is all powerful.

No doubt He is able to meet our needs and provide for us.

Not only did the psalmist acknowledge the God of Creation but also:

B. The God of Understanding (vs. 5)

Psalm 147:5

⁵ Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.

The psalmist knew God possessed infinite wisdom and understanding.

He not only created everything, He stands in control of everything.

It may seem as if our world is spiraling out of control but the Lord has not lost control and is working His divine plan.

God is the God of Understanding and Creation but also He is:

C. The God of Redemption (vs. 6)

Psalm 147:6

⁶ The LORD lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.

Here the psalmist speaks of God's dealings with man. He lifts up the meek and casts down the wicked.

Salvation is available for those who seek Him by faith, and yet judgment waits those who reject His offer of grace.

In His great mercy and grace, He sent His only begotten Son to die in our place, bearing our sin and providing salvation. I am eternally grateful for His mercies and grace toward us!

Close:

These among other things should cause us to praise the Lord.