

PRAYING PSALM 147

“Praise the Lord... Sing praises...to our God... Praise the Lord” (Psalm 147:1, 7, 12).

This psalm contains three stanzas that begin with a call to praise, followed by causes to praise. 1. PRAISE THE LORD (1-6). Because: The Lord builds up Jerusalem. He heals the broken hearted. He lifts up the humble and casts the wicked to the ground. 2. PRAISE THE LORD (7-11). Because: He prepares rain for the earth. He feeds the birds and animals. He takes pleasure in those who fear Him. 3. PRAISE THE LORD (12-20). Because: He loves Jerusalem. He sends out His word on the earth. He declares His word to Israel.

Here are nine causes for praising the Lord. Three of them have to do with Israel. Two of them have to do with God's word. And one of them has to do with God's word to Israel. Why? The Lord chose Israel to bring forth His Son. Praise God for that. The Lord sends out His word declare His Son. All the other causes are secondary to God's people and God's Son. There would be no salvation without them. Praise the Father for choosing Israel to bring forth Jesus, so you could know Him as your Savior and Lord. Praise God for His Word that tells you about His chosen people and His only begotten Son Jesus.