

It's Good to Praise our God!

Psalm 147

Twin Themes

- **God's control over his creation**
- **God's care for his people**
 - **God's grace and greatness vs 1-6**
 - **God's design and delight vs 7-11**
 - **God's care and control vs 12-20**

A Call to Praise

- **It's good to praise God! v1; 92.1-2**
enjoyable for us Ps135.3
appropriate - good reasons ...

1. God's Concern for his People, vs2-3

- **he restores: repairs, repopulates**
Neh 6.15;11.1
- **he gathers: collects, enfolds Lk 15**
- **he stitches up torn hearts: Ps 34.18**
- **he binds our wounds: to stem loss**
- **he lifts the depressed 145.14; 146.8**

2. God's Control of the Cosmos, vs 4-5

- *he numbers the stars v4; Is 40.25f counts them out*
– *with abundant energy v5*
- *he names the stars v4; knowing each one Ps 136.5*
– *with infinite understanding v5*
- *the true master of the universe v5; great attention to detail 135.5; 8.3-4*

3. God's Care of our Planet, vs 8-9

- *purposeful cycles of nature to feed the world Ps 145.15-16*

4. God's Chief Delight, vs 10-11

- *human beings who trust him*
– *who pin their hopes on him not on their own strength or cleverness*
- *God delights in us*
Prov 8.30-31; Zeph 3.17

5. God's Comprehensive Provision,

vs 13-14

- *he protects his people v13*
- *he takes pride in his people v13*
- *he creates peace for his people v14*
Eph 2.14-17
- *he prospers his people v14; Is 55.1f*

6. God's Command of the Weather,

vs 15-18

- *he changes the seasons*
through his word of command
Gen 1.3,6-7,9,11; Heb 1.3
2 Thess 3.1

7. God's Communication with his

People through his Word, vs 15-18

- *he reveals the truth about himself*
and how we should live
through his written
and living Word John 1.14