

A Study of the Wisdom Literature **(OT Survey Lesson 273—Psalms 146-147)**

Introduction: The last four psalms are “hallelujah” psalms setting forth reasons to praise the Lord. In these two the emphasis is upon God’s intervention in the lives of His people, helping them to overcome their problems and supplying their needs.

Lesson aim: To consider reasons to praise the Lord

A psalm praising God as Helper of His people—Psalm 146:1-10

1. How does the psalm begin? (v. 1) For how long did the psalmist purpose to praise God? (v. 2)
2. In whom did the psalmist urge the reader not to put his trust? (v. 3) Why? (v. 4)
3. Who does the psalmist say is truly blessed? (v. 5) Why? (v. 6)
4. What things does the psalmist affirm God does? (v. 7-9)
5. Consequently how long would the Lord reign? (v. 10)

A psalm of praise for Jerusalem’s restoration and prosperity—Psalm 147:1-20

1. How did the psalmist feel about the opportunity to praise the Lord? (v. 1)
2. How had God shown His love toward Jerusalem and Israel? (v. 2) Toward the brokenhearted? (v. 3)
3. How does the psalmist describe God’s greatness (v. 4-5) Yet, for whom does God manifest concern? (v. 6)
4. With what attitude are worshippers encouraged to sing? (v. 7) In what role is God described in v. 8-9?

5. What does not bring delight to God? (v. 10) Who does the Lord favor? (v. 11)
6. Make a list of the things God is said to do for Jerusalem? (v. 12-14)
7. God is said to be the source of what weather phenomena? (v. 16-18)
8. What special blessing did the psalmist consider unique to Israel? (v. 19-20)