

Let Us Praise the LORD!

Because the LORD supports the Down-trodden and Afflicted
Psalm 146

A. The Opening Call to Praise the LORD. 146:1-2

1. Call to Praise v. 1
 - a. Corporate Praise: Hallelu Yah!
 - b. Personal Praise

* I must join with other believers in corporately praising the LORD. I must praise the LORD when I am by myself!

2. Vow to Praise v. 2
 - a. While I live
 - b. While I exist

* If I am breathing, I must praise the LORD!

B. The Value of Relying upon God, not Man. 146:3-9

1. The futility of relying upon man. 3-4
 - a. Do not trust in government leaders v. 3
 - b. Because they are
 - 1) Mortal
 - 2) Helpless
 - c. Describing man's mortality v. 4
 - 1) His departing spirit
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- b. The greatness and faithfulness of God v. 6
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- c. The compassion of the LORD for the afflicted and down-trodden vv. 7-9
 - 1) Justice for the oppressed v. 9
 - 2) Food for the hungry
 - 3) Freedom for the prisoners
 - 4) Sight for the blind v. 8
 - 5) Elevation for those bowed down
 - 6) Love for the righteous
 - 7) Protection for the aliens v. 9
 - 8) Support for the bereaved
 - 9) Obstacles for the wicked

C. The Closing Call to Praise the LORD. 146:10

1. The reason for Praise
 - a. The eternal reign of Yahweh
 - b. The unending influence of Zion's God
2. The call to corporate praise: Hallelu Yah!

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