

**Reflection Questions:** When was the last time I truly praised the Lord by myself? In the company of other Christians? What must I do to praise the Lord more? Is my praise theological? Do I praise God in the bad times as well as the good ones? Who do I really put my trust in day-by-day?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

### Quotes to Ponder

*Praise is where all true religious contemplation should end.*

James Montgomery Boice

*The most holy service that we can render to God is to be employed in praising His name.*

John Calvin

*One of the most accurate measures of where any believer is spiritually is the intensity of His praise to God. A growing Christian is one who is growing in the fervency of his praise of God.*

Steven J. Lawson

*The Lord pours most into those who are most empty of self. Those who have least of their own shall have the most of God's.*

*We never praise God better than by exercising faith in Him. Quiet trust is among the sweetest music that reaches the heart of God; and when we put our trust in man, we rob God of His glory; we are giving to others the confidence which belongs alone to Him.*

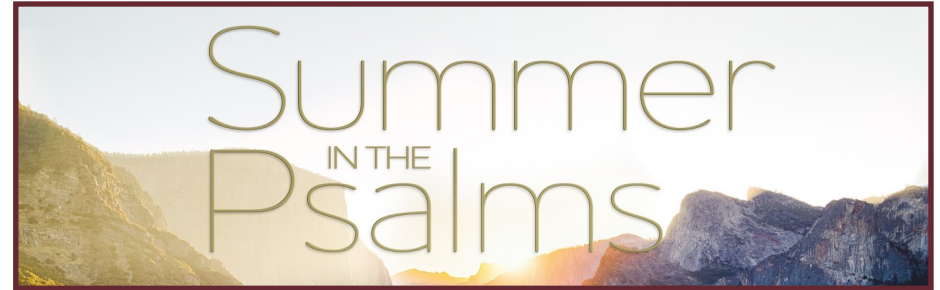
Charles Spurgeon

*To live a life of praise is to overcome criticism and complaining, to stop competing against others and comparing ourselves with them. It means to be grateful in and for everything and really believe that God is working all things together for our good.*

Warren Wiersbe

*A sure sign of placing one's trust in "princes" is when American Christians talk as if they had no other identity or loyalty than to their nation and party.*

Douglas D. Webster



Psalm 146, Hallelujah!

*Sermon*  
*Notes*

September 3, 2023

1. The Call (1-2)

2. The Contrast (3-4)

3. The Character (5-10)

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Con-  
victed you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

(*Psalm 146:6*)?

2. What does *Psalm 146* teach us about God?

About ourselves?

3. What is the main theme or message of *Psalm 146*?

What does it mean to *praise the LORD (Psalm 146:1, 10)*?

What should we do when we don't feel like praising God (*Psalm 146:1b-2*)?

4. Why does the psalmist include *Psalm 146:3-4* in this *hallelujah* psalm?

5. Why are we often tempted to place our hope in people other than God (*Psalm 146:3-4*)?

6. Does *Jeremiah 17:5-7* add anything to *Psalm 146:3-4*?

7. How is a person *blessed* if their *help and hope is in the Lord (Psalm 146:5)*?

8. What is the significance of the declaration that God *keeps faith forever*

9. If God *executes justice for the oppressed (Psalm 146:7)* what does this mean for us?

10. Read *Psalm 146:7-9*. Do we see this happening in the world around us? Why or why not?

11. If God possesses the attributes the psalmist mentions in *Psalm 146:5-9*, why does the world seem so different?

12. How should Jesus be viewed in a unique way as the fulfillment of the great praise of this psalm?

13. What do the following verses tell us about Jesus and how does this fulfill *Psalm 146*?

*Isaiah 61:1-2* —

*Matthew 21:12* —

*Matthew 8:5-10* —

*Matthew 25:46* —

*Matthew 9:27-29* —

*Luke 4:18-19* —

*Matthew 12:2* —

*Luke 7:12 –15, 20-22* —

*Matthew 13:43* —

*Luke 13:11-13* —

*Matthew 20:30* —

*Hebrews 13:2* —