



Psalms 145-147

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Let's turn now in our Bibles to Psalm 145, as we continue our study through the Bible. It seems that in compiling the Psalms, that as they came to the end of the Psalms, they sort of grouped together, Psalms of praise. Now all the way through the Psalms, there is praise. All the way through there are exhortations to praise, but in the end of the Psalms here, there seems just to be a grouping of praise Psalms. In fact, from Psalm 146 on to the end, they begin with the Hebrew word, *Hallelujah*, which means praise to Jehovah. And so they are the Hallelujah Psalms, 146 to the end.

Psalm 145 is entitled, *David's Psalm of praise*.

He begins it by declaring, *I will extol thee, my God, O king*; As we mentioned this morning, the kingdom of God means the kingdom where God reigns. And all those who have submitted their lives to be reigned over by God, have entered the kingdom of God. We make a mistake when we think of the Kingdom of God when we think of the Kingdom of God as something that is future, something that I will enter into when I die or something that God is going to establish upon the earth in time to come. Now there is in a sense a truth to that. We pray "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven". But God's kingdom exists now. It has always existed. And the moment I surrender myself to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, to be ruled over by Him, I have entered into the kingdom, and thus I begin to enjoy the benefit of the kingdom of God—and there are many. So I will extol thee, my God, O king;

and I will bless thy name for ever and ever. ²Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever. So David opens this Psalm by the declaration of his intentions of daily and forever blessing the name of the Lord! Now the reason is the Lord is great and He is greatly to be praised! And His greatness is unsearchable!

In the Book of Revelation as the cherubim in chapter four are describing their praises to God, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God, Almighty, which is, which was, which is to come. The twenty-four elders in response to this worship of the cherubim, declare, Thou are worthy to receive praise and glory and honor.

³*Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.* And he speaks of the worthiness as the result of His being the creator—for Thou hast created all things! So great is the Lord! Greatly to be praised!

⁴*One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.* Now, down here, it says I will praise Thy name forever and forever. I will bless Thy name forever and ever. And we pass this heritage on to our children, and then to our children's children. The Psalms speaks of one of the blessings of walking with the Lord. And that is of seeing our children's children, or our grandchildren.

There is hardly anything, I know of, more fulfilling that to hear the grandchildren singing about Jesus, singing about the Lord! And whenever we take them anywhere, they are singing about the Lord! What a blessing! What a thrill! One generation to another generation, passing it on! The praises of His works and the declaration of His mighty acts.

⁵*I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works.* So this blessing God, this praising God. Speaking of God's glorious honor, His majesty!

⁶*And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts:* Now terrible is an old English word and the meaning of it has changed through the years. The Hebrew is awesome and we sing our God is an awesome God! And so he is talking here about how awesome is God. The awesome acts of God. So I speak of the might, the power, the awesome work of God!

and I will declare thy greatness. So they go together! The might of God, the awesome work of God and the greatness of God!

⁷*They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.* So the Lord is greatly to be praised! He is great, greatly to be praised! His greatness is unsearchable. Manifested in His wondrous works, in His might, in His awesome acts, in His greatness, in His great goodness, in His righteousness. All of these are characteristics of God that evoke from our hearts, praise! Now when you start thinking about these things, praise becomes a spontaneous reaction to the thoughts of the greatness of God. The righteousness of God, the power of God, the awesome work of God, all of these things should evoke sort of a response from our soul and from our heart—a response of praise and thanksgiving!

Then the Psalmist declares, *The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.* Now so often, we hear people talking about the God of the Old Testament versus the God of the New Testament, as though there were two gods. One an awesome, fierce, Mt. Sinai, law giving, fire and judgment God, versus the “turn the other cheek”, “bless those that curse you”, and the God as manifested by Jesus in the New Testament.

So often the God of the Old Testament is looked upon only as a God of fiery wrath and judgment, whereas the God of the New Testament is looked upon as loving and gracious, forgiving and kind. But in reality there is only one God. There are two aspects to His nature. He is a loving God. He is a gracious God. He is a merciful God. And the Old Testament reveals Him as such. But He is also a God of judgment, bringing judgment upon the ungodly.

Now, there is a certain, built-in kind of a judgment to certain activities. If you do certain things you are going to reap certain consequences. The Bible says whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap. And there are certain activities and certain actions that automatically bring a certain response or reaction or a consequence to that action. God in His love warns us against those destructive things. God is seeking to protect man from that nature of man that is in and of itself, bent towards those things that can destroy, those things that do destroy. So as you study the laws that God gave, basically God prohibited those things that are destructive, destructive to relationships, destructive to your health, destructive to your relationship with your wife, with your family, with your friends, destructive to your relationship with God—things that destroy you. And as you go through the law, basically these were the things that God said, no, you’re not to do these things. And those things that build you up, those things that make you a better person, those things that enhanced your relationships with others and your relationship with God, God said, these are the things you should do!

So you cannot really fault the law of God. If you really go through and examine the law, you cannot fault it. The law of the Lord is perfect, the Scripture said, converting the soul. The testimonies of the Lord are right, the rejoice in your heart. You can’t fault the law of God, and yet we often rebel against the law of God. My flesh wants to do those things that God’s law said I should not do—those things that are destructive by their very nature. And if I do those things in rebellion against the law of God, I’m going to suffer the inevitable consequences of those actions. And so God warns me! You do this and this is what’s going to happen. And He warns us of the consequences of the violation of His law. He does that because He is gracious. And He is full of compassion. I often times do those things that are destructive. And God is compassionate. He sees you in your turmoil. He sees you in your sorrow. He sees you in your grief. Those things that He was seeking to avoid and to help you to avoid. You rebelled. You did it anyhow. And now you’re suffering the consequences. And even then God is gracious. He is merciful, full of compassion. Oh, you poor little nut, why would you do that, you know? And He reaches down and lifts us out and helps us.

I think one of the most frustrating things that we have experienced in raising children, is watching your child make a mistake. When they’ve come to that age where they can make their decisions, and watch them make a decision that you know is wrong. You know that is going to bring pain and hurt to them. And doing your best to keep them from that, doing everything that you possibly can within the limits of the law. You know, you want to kill them at times because you know that what they are doing is so destructive, it’s going to hurt. It’s going to bring them pain in the years to come. It’s going to bring them sorrow. You want so desperately to spare them from that! But they get headstrong. They get stubborn. They get rebellious and

they go ahead against your good judgment, against your pleas, against your advice, your counsel, your threats, and everything else, and they do it! And there's not one thing you can do to stop them! And you just have to stand by and wait for the cycle. When they get to that portion where, you know, it's just the drop-off and just that horrible pain that you were trying to spare them from, and then you are there to pick up the pieces and to help them put it together. But had they only listened, they could have spared themselves from all of that. And it's so hard! It's so hard watching your children make mistakes and you are trying to keep them and warn them from it because you can see the destruction and pain that it's going to be.

I think that, that gives us a little insight to where God is. He sees us doing these things that He knows are going to bring us pain. They are going to bring us suffering. And God has done everything short of the violation of our will to dissuade us, to change us. But we get stubborn. We get headstrong. We go ahead and do it anyhow. Then He just waits. When we get to that crushing part, that painful part, then He's so full of compassion. He is so gracious! And He helps us to put together the broken pieces. But He would have helped us to avert all of that, had we only obeyed and listened to Him! And so the Lord is gracious, even though I do things in my own headstrong will that bring me pain and hurt. God is so gracious, full of compassion, slow to anger and of great mercy. In other words, when you go ahead and do it anyhow, He doesn't just cut you off and say, all right, that's enough! I've had it with you! Forget you, you know! I disown you! Never call on Me again! You don't do that with your children, either. You just sort of pain and hurt, and then you wait to help pick up the pieces and put it back together. And that's the way God is, so compassionate, so gracious, even though we have brought upon ourselves that pain and that sorrow.

⁹*The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.* ¹⁰*All thy works shall praise thee, O LORD; The heavens declare the glory of God. The earth shows His handiwork. Day unto day they enter their speech. Night unto night their voice goes forth. A universal language, there is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. And all of creation praises God! It is there to remind you of the greatness of God, of the power of God, of the wisdom of God, of the glory of God! The birds singing their praises to God. The trees lifting their arms in praise to the king! All of Thy works shall praise Thee.*

and thy saints shall bless thee. A step of above praise is that of blessing God. The birds can't bless God. The trees can't bless God. The flowers of the field can't bless God. For blessing God is an act of intellect. It is an act of volition and it is an act of love. And thus only the saints can really bless God. And according to God's Word, you who have received Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior are saints, even though you may feel like it. You may have a different understanding of what a saint is. A saint is one who has come to place his trust in Jesus Christ. Saints aren't perfect. God help us. Perfect people don't exist. And saints aren't all dead. You don't have to die to become a saint! If you're not a saint now, you never will be! A saint is one who has just come to place his trust in Jesus Christ. And having placed my trust in Jesus Christ, I've brought into a new relationship with God, a very special relationship, in which I can bless God. I can come a step above praise. And I enter into this relationship where I bless God and God blesses me. The Scripture doesn't speak of God praising man. The Scripture speaks of God blessing men. And the saints of God can go one step higher than praise into the realm of blessing, where God has blessed by your life.

How do we bless God? ¹¹*They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;* Whenever you get together, you start talking about the glory of the kingdom of God. How glorious it is to walk with Jesus Christ! How glorious it is to just be in fellowship with God and to be able to call upon Him and know that He is there. Just to experience His help and His strength and His goodness and all of these things that God does for us as His children. To get to others and just talk about the glory of having submitted your life to being ruled over by Him, that blesses God. God is blessed as you talk about Him and as you share the things of God and you talk about His glorious power! Our God is an awesome God and as you talk about the power, bringing it down to the human level!

Though we know it's not true, it's nice that your grandchildren think that you're the smartest man in the whole world and that you're the strongest man in the whole world, and that you're the best grandpa in the whole world. That just blesses you! You know it's not true but you like them to think that!

But with God it is true! Who is a pardoning God like Thee? There is no God among all the gods like unto Thee, oh Lord! Above the gods of the earth—the greatest, the most, for us to express that. It blesses Him!

Also it blesses God when we witness and share the works of God with others. ¹²*To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.* As we talk to others about God, the glorious kingdom of God and the glories of His majesty, God is blessed. They that love the Lord, spake often one to another and God harkened, or listened, and He kept a record. God said they shall be accounted as like jewels on that day!

So we talk about the kingdom of God and David went on to do that. He said, for ¹³*Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,* Now David knew, that he had, you know, a short time to reign on the throne, but he knew the time was limited. He knew that one day he was going to pass on and that his son was going to ascend to the throne. But not so with God! God's kingdom is an everlasting kingdom!

and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations. I will reign during my generation. But in the next generation, a new king. And so it will pass on. But God's reign is eternal.

For ¹⁴*The LORD upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.* The Lord is gracious. He is full of compassion. You fall, He'll lift you up! You're bent over, the Lord will raise you up! How glorious it is that the Lord will uphold those who fall. If you have a tendency towards falling, you'd better just lean upon Him. He'll hold you up!

¹⁵*The eyes of all, Lord, wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.* Again, we are looking at all of creation. God takes care and sees that all of His creation is fed.

¹⁶*Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.* Man, beast, birds, fish.

¹⁷*The LORD is righteous in all his ways,* Now, this is more! The Lord is gracious. He is full of compassion, tender mercies over all of His works. And now, the Lord is righteous in all of His ways. *and holy in all his works.* He is holy in all of His works.

And ¹⁸*The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.* Where do you think God dwells? Where does He live? You know we are discovering what a vast universe we live in. They have now developed a new technique in the creating of telescopes and the using of multiple mirrors and getting them to focus or in flexible mirrors in some cases. They are able now through the new technology to peer even more completely in the universe in which we live. And through this new technology, they are discovering a lot of interesting things. In one section of the sky where there is a source of light that has been identified up to now as a star. In this new telescope with a computerized adjustments, it's a flex-kind of a mirror. They have now taken new photographs of this one section of the sky. And what this bright source of light, that they thought was a star, they now see as a swirling galaxy of billion of stars that they didn't even know existed! The vastness of the universe! Now we so often unconsciously or subconsciously in our minds, think that God sort of lives out on the edge of space, however far that is—sort of way far off from us. And sometimes we feel that God is so very far removed because of the infinite God and here I am being the finite man. And how can I, the finite man, ever touch the infinite God? And those in the Bible have seen there is a problem.

Job said, how can a man justify himself before God? He's so great. And I'm really nothing! Who am I that I can plead my case before God? I need someone to stand between us. One who can lay His hand upon us both. David said, when I consider the heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have ordained, what is man that Thou are mindful of him? And you look at this vast universe that was created by God. And wonder just, what is man, that God would even be mindful of him? And God so often seems so far away, but He's really very close—extremely close to those that call upon Him.

Paul said, don't think that salvation is away off somewhere in the universe, where we have to get a volunteer to go up and somehow bring it down. But the Word of the Lord is very close to you, in fact it's in your mouth. For if you will confess with your mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord and just believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved! That's how close you are! The Lord is near to those that call upon Him! To all that call upon Him in truth! That is, in sincerity.

I think there are a lot of times people just call upon God, not really, the Lord said, you shall seek Me and you shall find Me in the day that you seek Me with all your heart. The effectual fervent pray of a righteous

man, availeth much. I think that many of our prayers are just hopes that we toss up. And there is really much behind them. It's really just sort of a, well, if You want, Lord, catch this, you know. It really isn't fervent. And then we said, well, I prayed, you know, and God didn't do anything. I sought the Lord, and you know, He didn't come through. But, I think that when we really get desperate before the Lord and seek Him with all of our hearts, we find that He is very close, when we seek Him with all of our hearts! Sometimes we have to get pretty desperate before we really seek the Lord in a desperate way. It isn't just, oh, why don't you try God? But it's really seeking Him.

¹⁹*He will fulfil the desire of them that fear (Reverence) him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.* So those that call upon God in truth, God will fulfill their desire. And He will hear their cry and He will save them.

For ²⁰*The LORD preserveth all them that love him:* He is gracious and compassionate. He preserves all of those that love Him.

but all the wicked will he destroy. Now here is the other side of the coin—and there's got to be two sides to the coin! Those that love Him, God preserves! The wicked, He will destroy.

But ²¹*My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.* Psalm 146 begins with that *Hallelujah*, Praise Jehovah!

^{146:1}*Praise ye the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul.* Now David practiced talking to himself and commanding himself. And sometimes I think that's not a sign of mental incompetence, but it's a sign of wisdom. I talk to myself at times. Sometimes I think why in the world did you do that? And you sort of speak to yourself.

David said, Why are you cast down, oh my soul? Why are disquieted within me? Don't you hope in God? He shall bring it to pass. The next time you get really worried about a situation, that you start panicking and you feel the panic attack coming, just talk to yourself! Say, hey, what are you disquieted? What's wrong with you? What's got you so upset? Don't you hope in God? Do you think God is dead or something? He's going to come through.

The Bible says speaking to yourself in Psalms, hymns, spiritual songs, making melody in your heart to the Lord. And it helps just many time to put things in perspective. As you are all worried and concerned, and you're just ready to just panic, you know. Wait a minute! Wait a minute? Is God dead? Is God no longer on the throne? Has God forsaken His creation. Has God forsaken His child? No! When you begin to look at it that way, well it's as David encouraged himself in the Lord. And that's just a way of encouraging yourself in the Lord, just talking to yourself about it. Analyzing it. Why am I so upset? Why is my soul disquieted? Why do I feel this unrest. It's because I've lost sight of God! I've lost that consciousness of God's control over the issues of my life! Somehow, I've forgotten that God is there. Hope thou in God, David said, for He shall yet bring it to pass! He's going to work. Just put your trust in Him.

So here David is commanding his soul to praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, oh my soul. ²*While I live will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.* As long as I am living, as long as there is any breath in me, I will be praising the Lord! I will use it to praise the Lord. To sing praises unto Him.

Now he said, ³*Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.* Some hope in princes. Some hope in men. But David said, we will put our trust in the Lord.

Now if you hope in man, you have to realize that man is fragile. ⁴*His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth;* It's interesting that man's life is associated with his breath. His breath goeth forth. You know, if you don't breathe anymore, you're dead. That is basically what he said. Don't put your trust in man. He can perish. When he stops breathing, he's dead! And of course, we do know that the cells of the body depend upon oxygen, in order to keep going, to keep functioning. And it is the breath that brings the oxygen to the blood that keeps your body functioning. And the minute the cells become deprived of the oxygen, they begin to die. So that oxygen, that breath, is necessary. So you put your trust in man, but man can fail. His breath goes forth, he quits. And he returns to his earth. The body goes back to the dust.

in that very day his thoughts perish. It's over for him. The day he quits breathing, he's gone.

So ⁵*Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD (Jehovah) his God:* You put your trust in man, he can die! He's fragile. He's frail. Put your trust in the Lord, happy is that man!

For the Lord, ⁶*Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever:* He doesn't perish! He goes on—eternally.

⁷*Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry.* The Lord gives good food to the hungry.

The LORD looseth the prisoners: ⁸*The LORD openeth the eyes of the blind: the LORD raiseth them that are bowed down: the LORD loveth the righteous:* So, happy is the man who has learned to put his hope in Jehovah, the Creator, the One who executes judgments for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry, open the eyes of the blind.

⁹*The LORD preserveth the strangers; he relieveth the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.* The contrast again! Two sides to the coin—always.

¹⁰*The LORD shall reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations.* Hallelujah or *Praise ye the LORD.*

Psalms 147 again, begins with that Hallelujah! ^{147:1}*Praise ye the LORD: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely.* It is suitable or it is fit or it is beautiful. Comely can mean all of those things. Praising the Lord, it's just good to spend your time in praising the Lord.

Now this is and the rest of these Psalms are thought by many scholars, to be Psalms that were written after the period of exile in Babylon. When the Jews had returned to the land, and had, under Nehemiah, rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem. So if you have in your mind will sort of set these in that setting, praising God because the walls have been rebuilt, the nation had been reestablished after the seventy years of Babylonian captivity. ²*The LORD doth build up Jerusalem:* The Lord has built up Jerusalem again. The walls have been built up. The city has been fortified.

He gathereth together the outcasts of Israel. He has gathered together the outcasts of Israel, under the decree of Cyrus, all throughout the Persian Empire, which at that time ruled over the world. The Jews that were within the Persian Empire, had the permission of Cyrus to return to Jerusalem. So He gathered together the outcasts of Israel.

³*He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.* That period of captivity was hard on many of them. It said that we, you know, sat by the river in Babylon and we cried. They, who had taken us captive, demanded you know a party—songs of happiness. We heard of the Israeli songs, *Havah Negila*, and so forth. Sing of some of your songs, but how can we sing those kind of songs when we are in captivity. But He heals the broken in heart, and He binds their wounds.

⁴*He telleth the number of the stars; Now this one is really, I'm in love with! He tells the number of the stars and he calleth them all by their names.* Now God has a name for every star out there! And as we have discovered there are millions of galaxies, and millions upon billions of stars in each galaxy. And God knows the number! We don't know the number of stars. We just say it's astronomical. God knows the number of the stars. It is estimated there are ten to the twenty-fifth power! But that was before they found this new galaxy. God knows the number of the stars and He calls them all by name! And I don't think it's Joe and Tom and Harry. You know, God talked to Job about Arcturus. And He knows the fancy, Latin names or whatever. I mean, imagine! Imagine the awesomeness. Our God is an awesome God! He tells the number of the stars. He calls them all by their names! I've always just loved that Scripture!

⁵*Great is our Lord, and of great power: (because) his understanding is infinite.* So you see, that where difficulty arises. My understanding is very finite. God's understanding is infinite. Because of that, I can't understand God! I don't understand God! I don't understand the ways of God. I don't understand the actions of God or the activities of God. God's understanding is infinite! That is, He knows all things! Now

it's rather pitiful and sad that many times with my limited understanding, I'm prone to challenge God in His activities, when He has infinite understanding. I sort of think, well Lord, don't you think you've made a mistake? I don't know why you would do that. It seems very obvious to me that, that was a very foolish thing to do. Now if I were in Your shoes, this is the way, I would have done it, you know. And you sort of seek to advise God or to be His counselor. And I'm afraid that many times our prayers reflect this. Lord, I want you to bow now to my wishes. I want to bend now, to my desires. I want You, Lord, to do this, that I've got all figured out here. Because I understand this situation. And I know what's going on, so this is the way you should do it, you know. And I trying to direct the activities of God through prayer. How much better that I say, Lord, work out Your will with Your infinite understanding. And to recognize how limited I am. And rather than challenge God, submit! And just, well Lord, You know best. You do what You know is the best. His understanding is infinite!

⁶*The LORD lifteth up the meek:* Jesus said, blessed are the meek. They shall inherit the earth. The Lord brings down the proud. Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord and He will lift you up. So always, the Scripture extols meekness over pride. The world sees things from the opposite side.

The Lord lifts up the meek, but *he casteth the wicked down to the ground.* ⁷*Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God:* So he opens the Psalm by declaring, *Hallelujah*, or praise the Lord! Sing unto Him with thanksgiving! Sing praises, accompanying on the harp unto our God!

⁸*Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.* So now he is extolling this marvelous work of God in providing for His creature.

He caused the grass to grown upon the mountains and ⁹*He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry.* ¹⁰*He delighteth not in the strength of the horse:* Now in battle, the horse was always considered an advantage. The cavalry units always had an advantage over the infantry. The horse, a thing of strength and power, especially in battle.

But the Lord doesn't delight in the strength of the horse and *he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.* The real strength is in the legs, the most powerful muscles of your body are in your legs. If you've done any weight lifting or all you know is that your lift with your legs, not with your back. And yet looking for strength, God doesn't take the pleasure of horses or the legs of a man.

But ¹¹*The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.* ¹²*Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion.* ¹³*For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates;* When Nehemiah had come back and he led the people in the rebuilding of the wall. They rebuilt the gates. The gates of the city, when closed, they had this large bar of planks that went through these sockets, so that the gates could not be opened without breaking, which was impossible. This large plank that was run through these sockets to lock the gates of the city.

So He has strengthened the bars of thy gates and *he hath blessed thy children within thee.* They live in that peace and security again.

¹⁴*He maketh peace in thy borders, and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.* God has blessed. God has been good!

¹⁵*He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: his word runneth very swiftly.* ¹⁶*He giveth snow like wool: (to cover the earth.) He scattereth the hoar frost like ashes.* ¹⁷*He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold?* ¹⁸*He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow.* The streams to flow with the melt-off of the snows, the winter snows.

¹⁹*He sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel.* ²⁰*He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them.* So God blessed you, Israel. He blessed you by making known His laws, His judgments, His statutes. Other nations do not know the judgments of the Lord. They do not share in that blessing.

They have not known them, therefore, *Praise ye the LORD. Hallelujah!*