

## ***Eleutheros Newsletter***

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### **News of Interest**

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[\*Bible Translations: A Closer Look\*](#) explains the challenges translators face and gives reasons why the wording in some versions is so much different from that of other versions.

[\*Spiritual Gifts Verse by Verse: A Commentary on I Corinthians 12-14\*](#) deals with every phrase in these three chapters which are key to understanding the blessings and challenges of the gifts God gives to every believer.

[\*A Portrait of Jesus\*](#) looks at our great Savior for Who He is and what He has done (and will do) from eternity past to eternity future.

[\*The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ\*](#) presents clear and important evidence for our Lord's resurrection, the greatest event in all of history.

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**[The Ramifications of Our Salvation 101](#)**

**[The Ramifications of Our Salvation 102](#)**

## Thoughts from the Psalms

[Psalm 146](#) is a Psalm of praise to God.

**1 Praise ye the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul.** The first point in this verse is the fact that corporate praise involving all (“ye”) of God’s people should be offered to the God of the universe Who “made heaven” (verse 6). There is great power in joining together with others of faith in giving thanks to God!

Notice the words “O my soul” at the end of the verse. God has given mankind the capability to respond to Him in our inward being! Words from Scripture that explain this would include *mind, heart, conscience, will*, etc. Our praise to God should certainly involve every aspect of who we are. In fact, *Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God* ([1 Corinthians 10:31](#)).

**2 While I live will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.** In this verse two more important points are emphasized. First, praise to God should be a lifelong activity: *while I live will I praise the Lord*. To many who name the name of Christ the idea is to offer praise primarily (or only) at worship services, holidays, or special occasions. The Psalmist here indicates it should be an ongoing process.

Second, notice *I will sing praises*. Such an expression comes from man’s physical being. The Psalmist here indicates that he *individually* will use his lips to praise His God.

**3 Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.** In verses 3 and 4 the Psalmist emphasizes the futility of trusting anything or anyone other than God. Here is what Solomon declared about this: *Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity. What profit hath a man of all his labor which he hath taken under the sun* ([Ecclesiastes 1:2-3](#))? Our trust and praise and obedience belong to God. So many people are trusting in other relationships, but the results are empty and disappointing so many times.

Consider the thoughts of this great hymn:

### Our Great Savior

J. Wilbur Chapman

*Jesus! What a Friend of sinners!*

*Jesus! Lover of my soul;*

*Friends may fail me, foes assail me,*

*He, my Savior, makes me whole!*

**4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.** To state the case simply and honestly, God is eternal and man, His creation, is temporal. Man’s bodies and thoughts are so insignificant in comparison to the nature and activity of God! Why should we trust anyone but God!?

**5** *Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God.* Notice the contrast between verses 4 and 5: trusting self or others is futile, but trusting God produces happiness. By-the-way, trusting God and His Word is a very old thing. Our faith is in “the God of Jacob.” Religions often try to modify their belief system, but true praise and worship are to be dedicated to a God whose nature does not change (see [Malachi 3:6](#)).

**6** *Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is, which keepeth truth forever.* Here the Psalmist gives good reasons why our praise should be to God only. First, He is the all-powerful Creator of all things: *which made heaven...* Second, God never misleads: *which keepeth truth forever.* Surely, it is much better to give praise to the One Who is all powerful and is eternally truthful with His creation than to believe anything else!

**7** *Which executed judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to he hungry. The Lord looseth the prisoners.* God is not only powerful and holy—He CARES! And His love is not for only the ones that this world considers “lovely” (wealthy, powerful people); He surely cares for those who are oppressed, hungry, and in bondage!

**8** *The Lord openeth the eyes of the blind: the Lord raiseth them that are bowed down: the Lord loveth the righteous.* God’s love is praiseworthy because it has great healing power!

**9** *The Lord preserveth the strangers; He relieveth the fatherless and widow; but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.* God’s love ministers to those who are facing difficulties in this life! His justice causes *the way of the wicked to be turned upside down.*

So many times, we are tempted to think that there is very little justice in this world. When it comes to how man treats man, that is often the case, but God knows what has happened, and He is powerful enough to do what is right in every case! Praise the Lord!

**10** *The Lord shall reign forever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the Lord.* Here the Psalmist offers another wonderful reason to offer continual praise to God: He is sovereign and rules forever! His love, His knowledge, His holiness, His power, *and His eternal rulership* are so reassuring! Praise ye the Lord!

We will begin a series on Paul’s epistle to the Romans in next month’s newsletter.