

**Psalm 147:1-12, 21c<sup>iii</sup>**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*  
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

<sup>2</sup>The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; \*  
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

<sup>3</sup>He heals the brokenhearted \*  
and binds up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup>He counts the number of the stars \*  
and calls them all by their names.

<sup>5</sup>Great is our LORD and mighty in power; \*  
there is no limit to his wisdom.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD lifts up the lowly, \*  
but casts the wicked to the ground.

<sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; \*  
make music to our God upon the harp.

<sup>8</sup>He covers the heavens with clouds \*  
and prepares rain for the earth;

<sup>9</sup>He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
and green plants to serve mankind.

<sup>10</sup>He provides food for flocks and herds \*  
and for the young ravens when they cry.

<sup>11</sup>He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

<sup>12</sup>But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, \*  
in those who await his gracious favor.

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<sup>iii</sup> **About the Psalm: Psalm 147:1-12, 20c**

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Psalm 147 is divided into three stanzas: vv. 1-6, 7-11 and 12-20, each beginning with a call to worship and continuing with motives for praise. The themes of God's sovereignty over the natural order and over human society are mingled throughout the psalm.