

# **THE BEAUTY OF PRAISE**

## **PSALM 147**

Introduction:

Praise is beautiful in the sense that it is fitting. Nothing is more proper for the people of God than to have the praise of God on their lips.

It is pleasant because it brings deep spiritual satisfaction to the people of God. It gives them the inner sense that they have done the appropriate thing, the thing that it was their duty to do.

If this Psalm was written to celebrate the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem in the days of Nehemiah and Ezra, as many scholars believe, it is easy to see why praise is beautiful. Surely such a significant act of God's mercy must be acknowledged with praise.

When you consider where we are and what God has done for us, is not praise the appropriate, fitting response?

- I. PRAISE IS BEAUTIFUL WHEN WE ACKNOWLEDGE GOD'S RESTORATION OF HIS PEOPLE. (V. 1-6)
- II. PRAISE IS BEAUTIFUL WHEN WE ACKNOWLEDGE GOD'S PRESERVATION OF HIS PEOPLE. (V. 7-14)
- III. PRAISE IS BEAUTIFUL WHEN WE ACKNOWLEDGE GOD'S ADMINISTRATION OF HIS WORLD. (V. 15-18)

IV. PRAISE IS BEAUTIFUL WHEN WE ACKNOWLEDGE GOD'S  
REVELATION TO HIS PEOPLE. (V. 19-20)