

JULY PRAYER LETTER

'PRAISE YE THE LORD' Psalm 146

What sentiments will fill our hearts this holiday season- hope, despair, love, greed, joy, sadness, peace, chaos? In all likelihood we will face a smattering of each. No matter what the next month holds we are not alone this season. God knows and understands our hearts. He wants to speak to each of us through His word. He longs for us to praise Him and give Him thanks.

Take a moment to go through some of the Psalms. Do you notice the connection? Those Psalmists who eloquently penned their varied emotions and conflicting thoughts were normal people like you and me.

We can easily identify with the Psalms whether we are in a time of trepidation or appreciation, whether we are involved in lamenting or thanksgiving, whether praying for help, healing, or crying out for justice.

Psalm 146 calls for an act of worship- 'Praise ye the Lord' no matter our social standings, our educational backgrounds, or anything else, we are to PRAISE THE LORD. In Psalm 146:2 the Psalmist sad he will praise the Lord while he lived and has his being, he decided he will worship even before he knows what will befall him. This confident expression exhibited his hope in the Lord. Each day we have the opportunity to experience hope that comes only from our creator. He is the one who remains faithful throughout time.

Let us spend time in God's word and find true hope in the midst of world's despair. Let us spend time this holiday season giving Him thanks for who He is and expressing our gratitude for what He has done for us.

<u>Prayer</u>

Father God, allow your word to speak to me today You alone are the one worthy of praise and deserving of thanks Take my eyes off any individual problems and desires and Focus them on your righteousness and will for my life. Thank you that your ways and thoughts are higher than mine Praise Ye the Lord, Amen.

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