



The Choice

Lesson 3 • Psalm 146

The Book of Psalms is the Spirit-inspired playlist for living as God's covenant people under Christ the King!

A playlist of Spirit-filled praises, prayers, and promises to be sung in every season of life as we daily worship our Triune God, so we live wisely and wait patiently until His Son, the Davidic King, comes with His kingdom!

INTRODUCTION	ORGANIZATION into FIVE BOOKS					CONCLUSION
Psalms 1–2	3–41	42–72	73–89	90–106	107–145	Psalms 146–150
WORSHIP DAILY to LIVE WISELY with Separated Living WAIT PATIENTLY with Surrendered Living	KINGDOM FOUNDATION David's Humiliation and Exaltation as King with His Sons in Decline but with Davidic Covenant Hope <i>"Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Amen and amen."</i> 41:13	KINGDOM DESTRUCTION Davidic Kingdom Fails but Davidic Covenant Holds 72:18-19	KINGDOM RESTORATION Yahweh the Eternal God Reigns to Fulfill the Davidic Covenant and Establish the Davidic Kingdom of the Better David: His Only Begotten Son 89:52	KINGDOM RESTORATION Yahweh the Eternal God Reigns to Fulfill the Davidic Covenant and Establish the Davidic Kingdom of the Better David: His Only Begotten Son 106:48	THE DOXOLOGICAL HALLELUJAHs <i>"Praise Yahweh!" from Beginning to End!</i>	

A Growing Chorus of Hallelujahs!

The FOUR COLLECTIONS of HALLELUJAH PSALMS			
Covenantal Hallel	Passover/Egyptian Hallel	Great Hallel	Doxological Hallel
Psalms 105–106 Climax of Book 4 The Eternal King will not fail!	Psalms 111–118 Climax at Beginning of Book 5 After the most quoted psalm in NT: 110!	Psalms 135–136 Climax at Middle of Book 5 After the Ascent Psalms going up to the Temple!	Psalms 146–150 Climax at End of Book 5, Entire Book, and Kingdom History

The Meaning of Hallelu-Jah: "PRAISE YAHWEH"!

- A **GENERAL** call to all creation to join in praising the Lord! *Psalm 148:1, 7; 150:6; cf. Ps 69:34*
- An **EFFECTUAL** call to God's chosen people to join in praising the Lord! *Psalm 148:13-14; 149:1-4*
- A **ROYAL** command that will be fulfilled when God's kingdom purposes are fulfilled! *Psalm 2; Philippians 2:4-11*

The HALLELUJAH DOXOLOGY:				
The CHOICE	The CAUSES	The COMMAND	The CELEBRATION	The CONSUMMATION
Psalm 146	Psalm 147	Psalm 148	Psalm 149	Psalm 150

The Choice to Answer the Call to Praise the LORD! *Psalm 146*

1. The Choice Is a **COMMITMENT**. (1-2)

"Hallelujah! Praise the LORD!"

- It's a **PERSONAL** commitment. *"I will praise the LORD...my God..."*
- It's a **WHOLE-HEARTED** commitment. *"O my soul!"*

➤ It's a **LIFE-LONG** commitment. *"while I live...while I have my being"*

➤ It's a **REPEATED** commitment. *"I will...I will..."*

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➤ It's a **CONGREGATIONAL** commitment. *"I will sing praises to my God"*

"Oh my soul" = The Redeemed Individual!

"I will sing praises" = The Gathered Community!

Psalm 63:1-4; 27:4-6; 84:1-4; Psalms of Ascent (120-134) climaxing in the Great Hallel (135-136)

Individual praise **OVERFLOWS** into congregational praise and
congregational praise **FUELS** individual praise.

1Peter 2:4-5

2. The Choice Is Based on **TRUST**. (3-7)

*Who you praise is **DETERMINED** by who you trust for daily deliverance!*

➤ Don't trust in **MERE MORTALS**. (3-4)

"princes"

"mortal man"

➤ Do trust in the LORD, the **"I AM"** God. (5-7)

"The God of Jacob" (5)

The LORD who **TRANSFORMS** the helpless and the hopeless.

"The Almighty Creator" (6)

The LORD who made **EVERYTHING** that exists and is self-existent.

"The Faithful Redeemer" (7)

The LORD who is reliably **TRUE** in Himself and, therefore, always trust-worthy.

HELPLESS

who are being oppressed!

HUNGRY

who are being starved!

HOPELESS

who are being enslaved!

3. The Choice Is Made by the **CHOSEN**. (7-9)

How can I make this choice if I am helpless, hungry, and hopeless?

How can I make this commitment and keep it with my whole being for my entire life?

The LORD Graciously Chooses to...

➤ Give saving **JUSTICE** to the undeserving. (7)

- He ***fight*s** for the helpless, ***feed*s** the hungry, and ***free*s** the enslaved.

➤ Give saving **HELP** to the unable. (8)

- He ***open*s** eyes of the blind and ***rais*e**s the bowed down.

➤ Give saving **HOPE** to the unwanted, the unknown, and the unseen. (9)

- He ***love*s** the righteous, ***protect*s** the stranger, and ***support*s** the fatherless and widows.

BUT the LORD *"make*s crooked" the way of the wicked who take advantage and often create such circumstances!

Our Choice Will Be Fully Realized and Rewarded When **CHRIST Comes with His Kingdom.** (10)

Zion is the glorified city of the Davidic King!

"Hallelujah! Praise the LORD!"