

SCC MEN'S SATURDAY AM BIBLE STUDY
July 26, 2025 7:30 AM – Psalm 146 147

Psalm 146 and 147 each offer distinct portraits of God's character and care, yet together they form a crescendo of praise. Psalm 146 emphasizes personal trust in God, celebrating the Lord as Creator, sustainer, and defender of the vulnerable— He frees prisoners, lifts the downtrodden, and watches over strangers, orphans, and widows. It's a call to lifelong praise rooted in divine justice and eternal faithfulness. Psalm 147, meanwhile, shifts to communal restoration, highlighting God's power in building up Jerusalem and healing the brokenhearted. It describes his control over nature—naming stars, sending snow and rain—and his delight not in human strength but in those who fear him.

What's There? - Searching the Scriptures

Psalm 146

- A. Why is the psalmist so committed to the praise of God? What specific characteristics of God is he praising in this psalm?

- B. Which part of the language from verse 5 to the end of this psalm is most personally meaningful to you?

Psalm 147

- C. What evidence is given for the goodness of God in verses 1-6? What specifically makes these things good?

- D. What is the cause of thanksgiving in verses 7-9?

- E. Talk about the contrast of verses 10 and 11 as it describes what God truly delights in.
- F. Verses 12-14 describe the blessings in store for Jerusalem. Why do you think these aspirations have never been fully realized?
- G. In verses 15-20, God's word, commands and laws are described as active and precious. What stands out to you?

So What & What Now? - Applying the Scriptures

What tangible way would you like to live the compassion of God described in Psalm 146

How should God's goodness to us change the way we interact with others?

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