

Reasons to Praise the Lord

Psalm 147

(Teacher: Mark Halliday)

- I. Why Praise the Lord? (vs. 1, 12, 20)
 - a. It is pleasant and for our good.
- II. What makes God worthy of our Praise?
 - a. Jesus builds the church (v. 2)
 - b. He heals broken hearts (v. 3-4)
 - c. He is great, powerful & has knowledge beyond measure (v. 5)
 - d. He looks after His creation (v. 8-9)
 - e. He takes pleasure in His people (v. 10-11)
 - f. He is our protector and provider (v. 13-14)
 - g. He controls nature (v. 15-18)
 - h. He gives/gave His Word to us (v. 19-20)
- III. How Do We Respond?
 - a. With praise and delight in Him!

Upcoming Events and Announcements:

- **Hosting Gatherings:** Today: 2:15/Gateway; Sept. 6th Erindale/North; Sept. 13th Providence/Hope; Sept. 20th GR/Junction; Sept. 27th Mosaic/South; Oct 4th Remnant/2:15; Oct. 11th Gateway/Erindale; Oct. 18th North/Providence; Oct. 25th Hope/GR; Nov. 1st Junction/Mosaic; Nov. 8th South/Remnant; Nov. 15th 2:15/Gateway; Nov. 22nd Erindale/North; Nov. 29th Providence/Hope; Dec. 6th GR/Junction;
- Needing 2 more leaders to apprentice in the new Gateway GC starting this September. Learn more and [apply here](#).
- **Intern training** for men and women starting in Fall 2026. **Deadline to register – Tomorrow!**
Information and application here: <https://saskatoon.gracesask.com/training/>
- **Sept. 8th – Intern Orientation Meeting** – for all interns – 6:45 pm – 8:15 pm at the Upper Room.
- **Good News Story: Promise – Part 1 - Seminar** Register at saskatoon.gracesask.com – Still room on Sept. 2nd, or Sept 19th
- **Sept. 12th – Gospel Community Kick Off** – Corn Maze and BBQ at Rosthern Youth Farm

GOSPEL WAY CATECHISM – Part 7 – FUTURE HOPE	Church Bible Reading Plan
Question 49: What Is the Ultimate Hope for the Christian A: Our hope is a Person: Jesus Christ. We believe he will come again to reign over and restore the world, delighting to dwell with us and grant life everlasting, forever filling us with wonder, love, joy, and praise. Psalm 16:8-11; 42:11; Jer. 29:11; Rom. 5:1-5; 1 Peter 1:3-9 Question 50: What Does It Mean to Live in Light of the End? A: We walk by faith, not in secular progress and technological advance, but in the promise of God to reclaim this world and make everything right. With hope, we await the return of the King we love. Col. 3:1-4; Titus 2:11-14; Heb. 11:13-16; 2 Peter 3:11-13	September: Joshua & Judges Read the upcoming Sermon passage in advance of Sunday: Genesis chapter 4

Quotes:

I think we delight to praise what we enjoy because the praise not merely expresses but completes the enjoyment; it is its appointed consummation. It is not out of compliment that lovers keep on telling one another how beautiful they are; the delight is incomplete till it is expressed. It is frustrating to have discovered a new author and not to be able to tell anyone how good he is; to come suddenly, at the turn of the road, upon some mountain valley of unexpected grandeur and then to have to keep silent because the people with you care for it no more than for a tin can in the ditch; to hear a good joke and find no one to share it with. ~ C.S. Lewis

Worship is ‘worth-ship’ - seeing what God is worth and giving him what he’s worth. ~ Tim Keller

You have heard the phrase before ‘worship is a lifestyle.’ This is true, but weak. It’s much more than that. We cannot not worship. We are continually kneeling to our highest perceived beauty. The soul does not have an embrace, it is an embrace. We never begin worship, we aim it. We are all facing some deity. Some glory has swept us off our feet, and this very moment like a rabid animal we are pursuing it. ~ Matt Papa

The centerpiece of the Christian life is not ministry. It’s worship. If Christianity is not about what we do for God, if it’s instead about what he does for us, then the centerpiece of the Christian life is not doing something for God, but constantly responding to what God does for us by enjoying it, exalting in it, rejoicing in it, praising him for who he is and what he’s done, delighting in what a great savior he is. That’s actually the heart of the Christian life. Isn’t that amazing? God doesn’t save us and then say, “Now, you better earn this.” He saves us and then invites us to enjoy the fact that he’s so good to us. ~ Sam Emadi

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Next Sunday: September 6th – Message: Sin as Predator – Genesis 4 – Murray McLellan

Hosting: Erindale/North Gospel Communities

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