

THE LORD IS FAITHFUL
Psalm 146:1-10

1. We praise the LORD because He keeps covenant with us our entire lives.
Ps. 146:1-2; 2 Tim. 2:13; Exo. 34:6-7; Lam. 3:21-26

Praise the LORD = Hallelujah! = praise Yah[weh] (covenant name for God; the self-existent, eternal God)

faithless = apisteo = to be unbelieving, i.e. disbelieve, or (by impl.) disobey

faithful = pistos = trustworthy; reliable

lovingkindness = checed = covenant love, steadfast and merciful

2. We must trust the LORD rather than men. He alone is faithful. Ps. 146:3-4; 20:6-9; 103:15-17; Zech. 4:6; John 2:24-25

trust = batach = to hide for refuge; fig. to trust, be confident or sure

salvation = teshuw`ah = rescue, deliverance, salvation

name = shem = through the idea of definite and conspicuous position; an appellation, as a mark or memorial of individuality; by impl., honor, authority, character, nature, ways

3. We can confidently count on the LORD to help us. Ps. 146:5-6; 121:1-8; 100:3; 23:1-6; Rom. 8:31-32; John 14:16-17a

hope = seber = [confident] expectation

faith = `emeth = stability; fig. certainty, truth, trustworthiness

keep(s, er), protect, guard = shamar = to hedge about as with thorns; guard, protect, attend to

Helper = Paracletos = one called alongside to help; intercessor

4. The LORD watches over and provides for those in need. Ps. 146:7-9; Gen. 22:7-8, 13-14; Rev. 13:8; John 1:29; 10:11; Matt. 9:36; 6:26, 30

5. The LORD loves the righteous and deals with evil. Ps. 146:8c, 9c; 103:13; 9:3-10; 2 Cor. 5:21; Luke 11:11-13; Rom. 12:19

6. The LORD faithfully reigns forever. Ps. 146:10; 89:2; 100:5; 103:19

faithfulness = 'emuwnah = firmness, steadfastness; fig., security; moral fidelity

7. We must personally choose to praise the LORD for His faithfulness. Ps. 146:1-2, 10c; 89:1; 103:1-2; 42:5, 11

soul = nephesh = "breath," breathing creature, (abstract) vitality, life force, personhood

REFLECTION AND APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. *Do I see the LORD as completely reliable? Do I believe He keeps His covenant with me for my entire life? Do I praise Him for His faithfulness?*
2. *Am I placing my trust in God or in man? To whom do I run when life becomes difficult? Do my thoughts and actions reveal a trust in God or a trust in man?*
3. *Do I see the LORD as my Faithful Helper? Am I certain of His determination and ability to protect and provide for me? Am I allowing the Helper, the Holy Spirit, to help me experience the blessings of God's faithfulness?*
4. *Will I rest in the truth that the LORD watches over and provides for me? What needs do I need to give to Him today? How can I praise Him for His provision—past, present, and future?*
5. *Do I trust the LORD to lovingly take care of me and to deal with evil? Do I depend on Him for justice and refuse to mete out my own sentences of judgment? Do I ask Him in faith to thwart the way of the wicked?*
6. *Do I see the LORD as ruling in faithfulness? Do I trust the LORD to back up His faithfulness with all of His authority and power? Will I rely on the LORD to execute faithfulness on my behalf?*
7. *Is praising God a personal choice in my life? Do I choose to personally praise the LORD in whatever circumstance I find myself? Will I praise the LORD today for His faithfulness?*