

An aerial view of Prague, Czech Republic, at sunset. The Vltava River flows through the city, with the Charles Bridge in the foreground. The city is filled with historic buildings, including a prominent church with a green dome. The sky is filled with soft, golden light from the setting sun.

**WELCOME**  
to the  
**International Baptist Church**  
of Prague

**SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2020**

A scenic landscape featuring a range of snow-capped mountains in the background, a dense forest of evergreen trees in the middle ground, and a calm lake in the foreground that perfectly reflects the mountains and trees. The sky is a clear, bright blue. Overlaid on the center of the image is the word "SERMON" in large, bold, yellow capital letters.

# SERMON



THE  
PSALMS

**Psalm 147**  
**“Praise the Lord”**

# Psalm 147: Praise the Lord

## THE CONTEXT – return from exile 2-3

The LORD builds up Jerusalem;  
he gathers the exiles of Israel.  
He heals the broken-hearted  
and binds up their wounds.



# Psalm 147: Praise the Lord

## The CALL to PRAISE

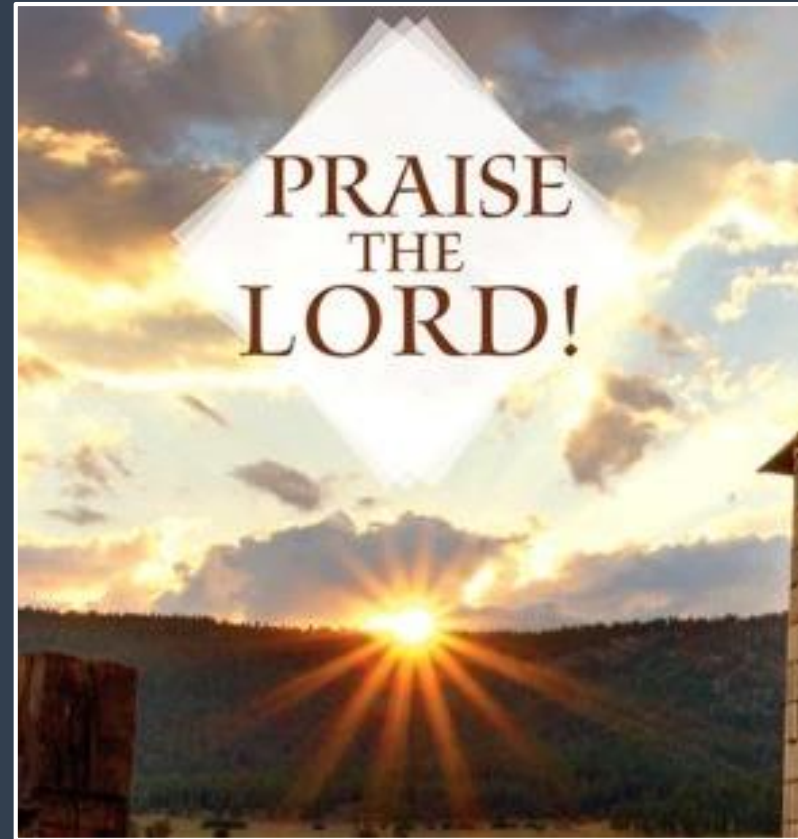
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How good it is to sing praises  
to our God,  
how pleasant and fitting to  
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make music to our God on the  
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praise your God, Zion.

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# Psalm 147: Praise the Lord

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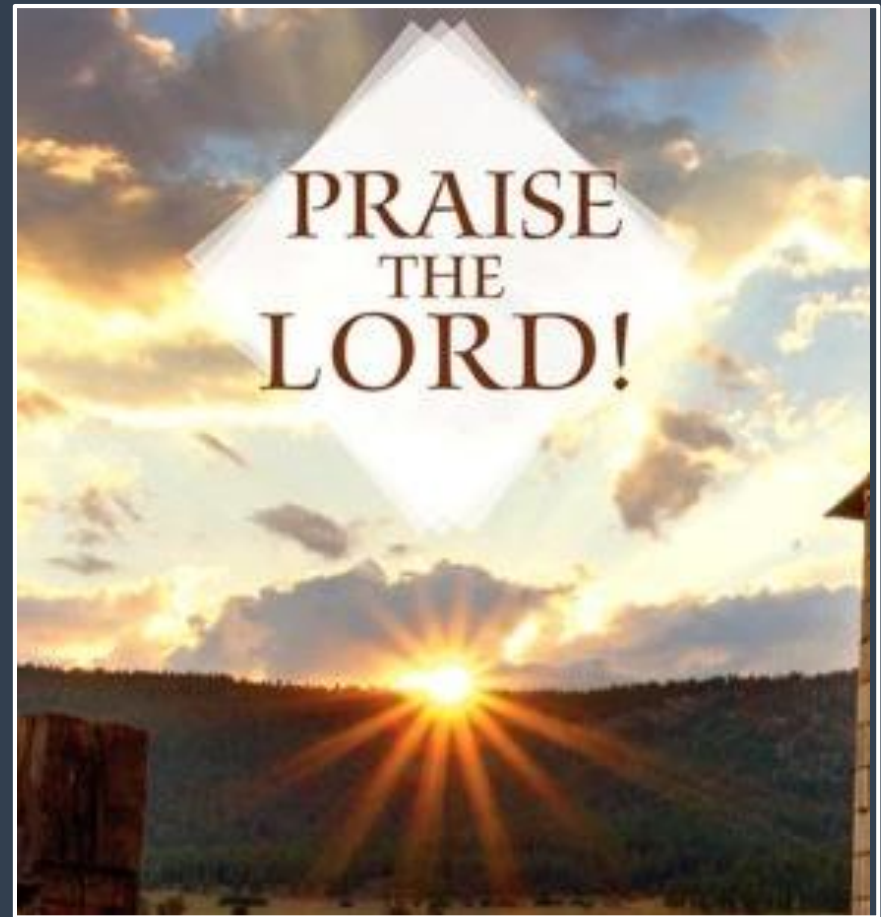
### Philippians 4:4

Rejoice in the Lord  
always.

I will say it again: rejoice!

### 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always,  
pray continually,  
give thanks in all  
circumstances;  
for this is God's will  
for you in Christ Jesus.



# Psalm 147: Praise the Lord The CALL to PRAISE

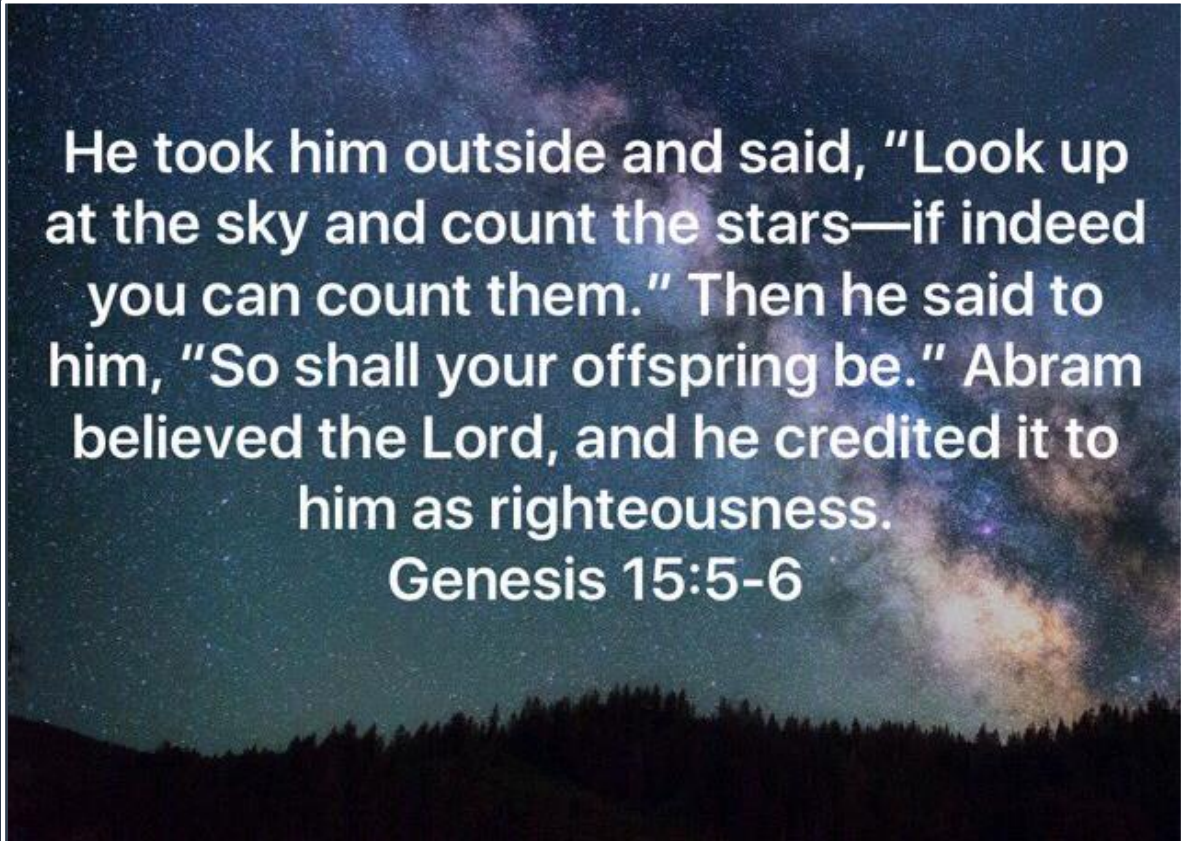
Count your blessings,  
Name them one by one.  
And it will surprise you  
What the Lord has done!



# Psalm 147: REASONS for PRAISE GOD of CREATION

## The GOD who knows the stars 4-6

<sup>4</sup> He determines the number of the stars  
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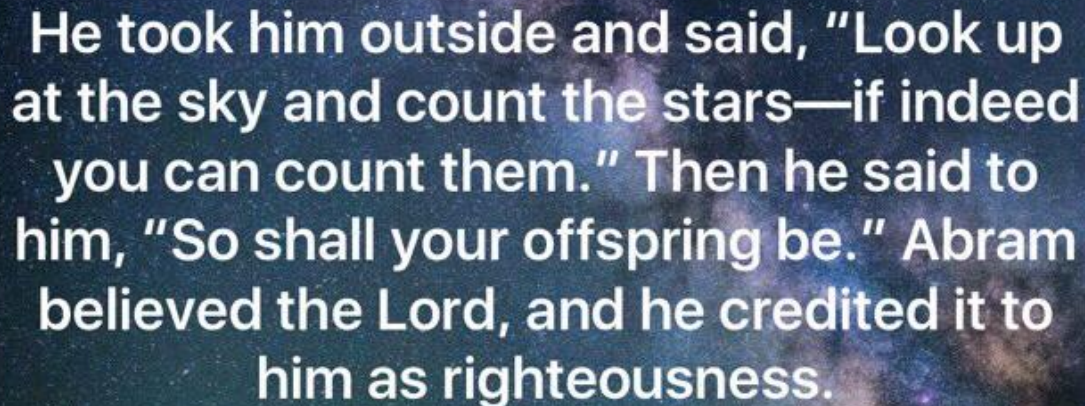
He took him outside and said, "Look up  
at the sky and count the stars—if indeed  
you can count them." Then he said to  
him, "So shall your offspring be." Abram  
believed the Lord, and he credited it to  
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Genesis 15:5-6



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Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham. Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you." So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

Scripture Reference: Galatians 3:7-9

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## The GOD who knows the stars 4-6

<sup>4</sup> He determines the number of the stars  
and calls them each by name.

<sup>5</sup> Great is our Lord and mighty in power;  
his understanding has no limit.

<sup>6</sup> The LORD sustains the humble  
but casts the wicked to the ground.



# Psalm 147: REASONS for PRAISE GOD of CREATION

## The GOD who feeds the earth 7-11

<sup>7</sup> Sing to the LORD with grateful praise;  
make music to our God on the harp.

<sup>8</sup> He covers the sky with clouds;  
he supplies the earth with rain  
and makes grass grow on the hills.

<sup>9</sup> He provides food for the cattle and  
for the young ravens when they call.

<sup>10</sup> His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse,  
nor his delight in the legs of the warrior;

<sup>11</sup> the LORD delights in those who fear him,  
who put their hope in his unfailing love.

# Psalm 147: REASONS for PRAISE GOD of CREATION

## The GOD who commands the weather 15-18

**15** He sends his command to the earth;  
his word runs swiftly.

**16** He spreads the snow like wool  
and scatters the frost like ashes.

**17** He hurls down hail like pebbles.

**Who can withstand his icy blast?**

**18** He sends his word and melts them;  
he stirs up his breezes, and the waters flow.

# Psalm 147: REASONS for PRAISE GOD of COVENANT RESTORATION – PROVISION – REVELATION

<sup>2</sup> The LORD builds up Jerusalem;  
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

<sup>3</sup> He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds.

<sup>12</sup> Extol the LORD, Jerusalem; praise your God, Zion.


<sup>13</sup> He strengthens the bars of your gates  
and blesses your people within you.

<sup>14</sup> He grants peace to your borders  
and satisfies you with the finest of wheat.

<sup>19</sup> He has revealed his word to Jacob,  
his laws and decrees to Israel.

<sup>20</sup> He has done this for no other nation;  
they do not know his laws.

# GOD of COVENANT



*For God so loved the world  
that he gave his one and  
only Son, that whoever  
believes in him shall not  
perish but have eternal life.*

*- John 3:16 -*

# RESPONDING TO THE LORD

## Praise & Thanksgiving 1, 7, 12, 20



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# RESPONDING TO THE LORD

## Humility & Trust 6

The LORD sustains the humble  
but casts the wicked to the ground.



*The Lord sustains the humble.*

*PSALM 147:6*



# RESPONDING TO THE LORD

## Reverence & Hope 11

..the LORD delights in those who fear him,  
who put their hope in his unfailing love.



*"the Lord delights in those  
who fear him, who put their  
hope in his unfailing love."*

*-Psalm 147:11*



To  
God  
be the Glory!