

## Put Not Your Trust In Princes | Psalm 146

Pastor Eric Yee

*Trust in the Lord Jesus, who is worthy of our praise!*

### I. Calls to Praise (vv. 1-2)

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup> I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Three ways to persevere in praising God:

1. Call *each other* to praise the LORD.
2. Call *ourselves* to praise the LORD.
3. *Commit* to praise the LORD.

### II. Trusting in Dust (vv. 3-4)

<sup>3</sup> Put not your trust in princes,  
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

<sup>4</sup> When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;  
on that very day his plans perish.

Genesis 2:7 = then **the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed** into his nostrils **the breath of life**, and the man became a living creature."

Genesis 3:19 = By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, **till you return to the ground**, for out of it you were taken; **for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.**"

### III. Hoping in the Lord (vv. 5-9)

<sup>5</sup> Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD his God,

<sup>6</sup> who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them,  
who keeps faith forever;

<sup>7</sup> who executes justice for the **oppressed**,  
who gives food to the **hungry**.

The LORD sets the **prisoners** free;

<sup>8</sup> the Lord opens the eyes of the **blind**.

The LORD lifts up those who are **bowed down**;  
the LORD loves the **righteous**.

<sup>9</sup> The LORD watches over the **sojourners**;

he upholds the **widow** and the **fatherless**,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

Two lessons from verses 7-9:

1. The righteous *can* readily identify themselves as the oppressed, the hungry, and so forth.
2. The wicked *cannot* readily identify themselves as the oppressed, the hungry, and so forth.

### IV. Shouts of Praise (v. 10)

<sup>10</sup> The LORD will reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Isaiah 9:6 = For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Revelation 19:1, 6 = After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God... Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

### Life Application

1. Memorize a Bible verse/passage that will help you call yourself to praise the Lord.
2. Write down your "princes" and ask God to help you see Jesus as so much greater!
3. Share openly with someone about a mistake you made or struggle that you have.