



# Psalm 147

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

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**John 10v14-16: 'I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me –**

<sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep that are not of this sheepfold. I must bring them also.

They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

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V4-5: 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.

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**Isaiah 40v25-26:** ‘To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?’ says the Holy One.<sup>26</sup> Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.

# 1) Praise the God – who gathers

**V6:** The LORD sustains the humble  
but casts the wicked to the ground.

## 2) Praise the God – who provides

**V7-9:** 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.

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**Luke 12v24: Consider the ravens: they do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds!**

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**V10-11:** 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.

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**V16-17:** He spreads the snow like wool  
and scatters the frost like ashes.

<sup>17</sup> He hurls down hail like pebbles.

Who can withstand his icy blast?

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**V18:** He sends his word and melts them;  
he stirs up his breezes, and the  
waters flow.

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**1 Pet 2v8-9:** They stumble because they disobey the message – which is also what they were destined for.

<sup>9</sup> **But you** are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, **that you may declare the praises of him** who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

