

## Gods Pleasure in His People

Psalm 147.10-11

### Overview

#### **God does not take pleasure in self-sufficiency (Ps. 147.10)**

- The Lord gathers “outcasts” (v 2), the “brokenhearted (v 3), and He looks to the “humble” (v 6)
- He determines the numbers of stars and gives names to all of them (v 4)
- He is great and abundant in power and His understanding is beyond measure (v 5)
- He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow, and gives beasts their food (v 9)
- In short God is pleased to be both a God that is Sovereign, yet also glad to serve
- Vs. 10 describes why God then does not delight in the strength of horses or the legs of man
  - Each of these are things that work against what the author is trying to do because they are things that man trusts in opposition to the Lord who is Sovereign and Serving

#### **God takes pleasure in a Dependant People: (Ps. 147.11)**

- God takes pleasure in those who fear Him
  - This connotes the idea of AWE while not negating the necessary fear that sinful people would have in the face of a Holy God (Isaiah 6)
- God takes pleasure in those who hope in His steadfast love
  - Hope here means trust, not “hope” like we hope it doesn’t rain
  - The greatest expression of God’s steadfast love is found in the Gospel
    - Those who know of their need for the Gospel and hope in that steadfast love are those who God takes pleasure in
- By God enabling us to Treasure Him more than anything He loves us the best He could love us
  - We were made in His image by God and for God
  - If He didn’t enable us to live out the purpose for which we were made would not be loving
  - “You are precious to God, and the greatest gift He has for you is not to let your preciousness become your god. God will be your God. God alone forever. And this is infinite love. This is how much He makes of you.” John Piper

### Questions

**Discussion Starter:** *Why is it a true that whatever a soul values determines the excellency of their soul?*

1. Read Psalm 147.1-9: What does the Author seem to be doing?
2. Read Psalm 147.10: What is meant by the “strength of horses” and the “legs of man”? Why does God take no pleasure in these things?
3. What are some ways that we do this?
4. Read Psalm 147.11: What causes God to take pleasure in His people?
5. Why do these things cause God to take pleasure?
6. How is the Gospel the clearest expression of Gods steadfast love?
7. How can we actively live inside the fear of God and hope in His steadfast love?
8. Why would God want us to know that He pleasures in His people? How might that affect you in the day to day?

**Accountability Question:** *What are some ways that you are relying on “strong horses” and the “legs of man”? What are some ways you are encouraged by considering Gods pleasure in your hope in Him?*