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Psalm 146

Praise the Lord

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Concluding Statements

1. All believers are to praise the Lord for as long as we might live on this earth. In eternity, we will also have the privilege of praising the Lord of the Universe.
2. All believers are to place their trust in the Lord and not in our fellow man.
3. Our praise to God and our lives, in general, should demonstrate that we value God more than others, our activities, our things, and even ourselves.
4. Our hope is in the Lord, the creator of the universe, the only one who is always faithful forever.
5. The Lord who reigns forever is the One who protects and preserves His people.

Challenge of the Week

Take opportunity to praise God before others at least **four** times this week. On **two** of these occasions seek to praise the Lord before those you think do not know Him.

Questions for Discussion

1. What do you do to prepare your heart and mind for worship here at church? What is your plan for this week?
2. How might praising the Lord help you during those difficult times in your life?
3. How might you use praise to the Lord in sharing your personal faith in Jesus Christ?
4. Share some examples of how God has been faithful to you.