

Trust not in princes
Psalm 146

While I live

Psalm 146:1–2 *Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! ² I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.*

Praise is where all true religious contemplation should end. When all is said, the hearts of those who are truly God's people beat their last praising God. Do we understand all that God is doing in our lives or in the world? Of course not, but we understand enough about the nature of God to praise him in spite of the difficulties.
James Boice

Colossians 3:16–17 *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

Put not your trust in man

Psalm 146:3–4 *Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. ⁴ When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.*

Trust (betach): to be confident; inspire trust; unsuspecting; unawares.

There is no salvation in him and he is not eternal

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God, indeed, may direct us at times to man, but that is quite a different matter. Then we will be looking to man, not instead of to God but because of God. John Phillips Commentary Series

Proverbs 11:14 *Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.*

Proverbs 15:22 *Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed.*

Blessed is the one

Psalm 146:5–6 *Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, ⁶ who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;*

We sang. I will put my trust in you alone and I will not be shaken.

Help and Hope

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Psalm 121:1–2 *I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? ² My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.*

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Deuteronomy 7:9–11 *Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, ¹⁰ and repays to their face those who hate him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates him. He will repay him to his face. ¹¹ You shall therefore be careful to do the commandment and the statutes and the rules that I command you today.*

The Bible does not begin with the statement, “In the beginning nothing”; it begins with the statement, “In the beginning God.” That makes all the difference. John Phillips

Psalm 146:7-9 who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; ⁸ the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed; the Lord loves the righteous. ⁹ The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The LORD will

Psalm 146:10 The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!