



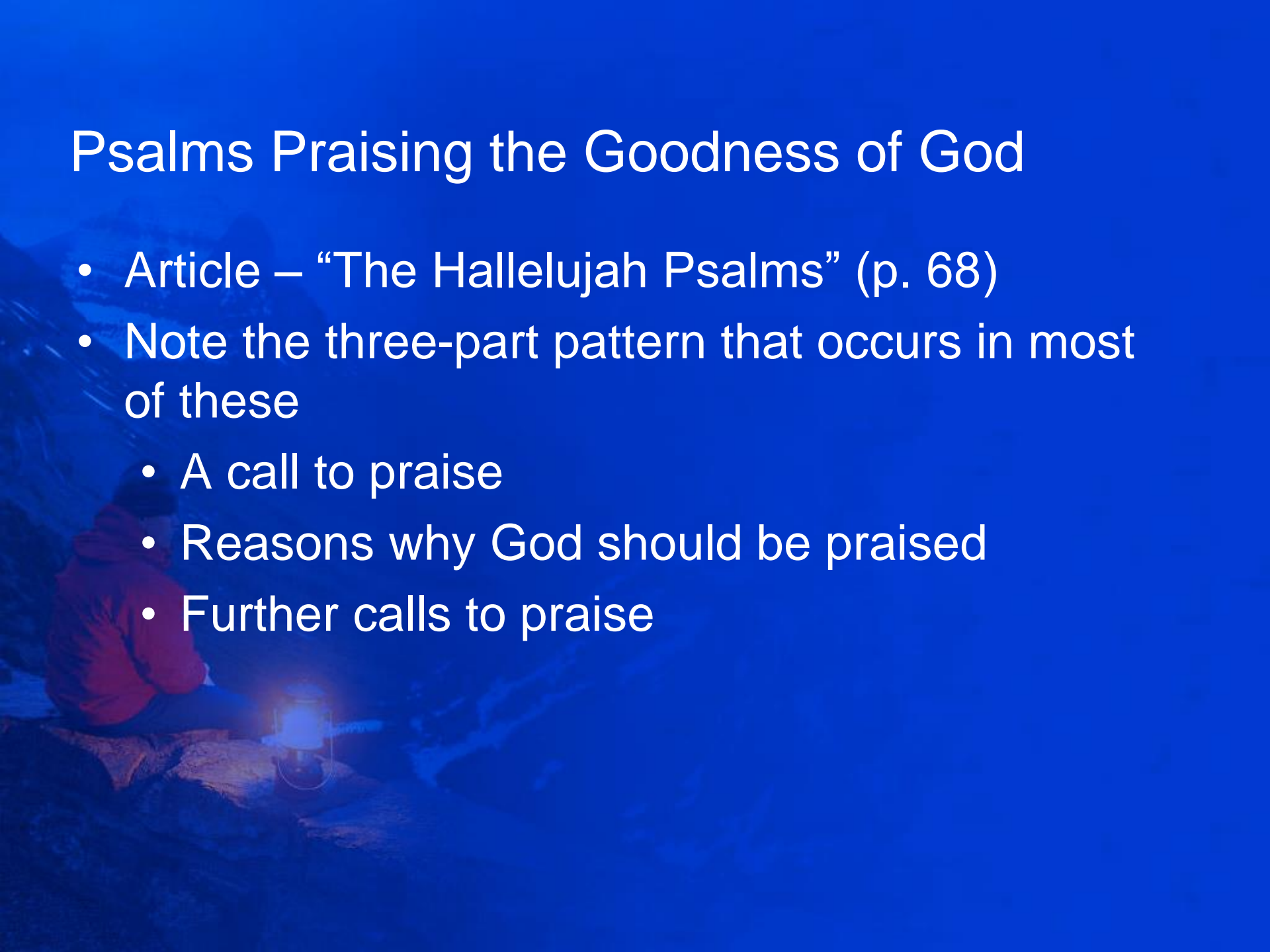
Psalms
The Book of Praises

Lesson 18

Psalms Praising
the Goodness of God - Part II

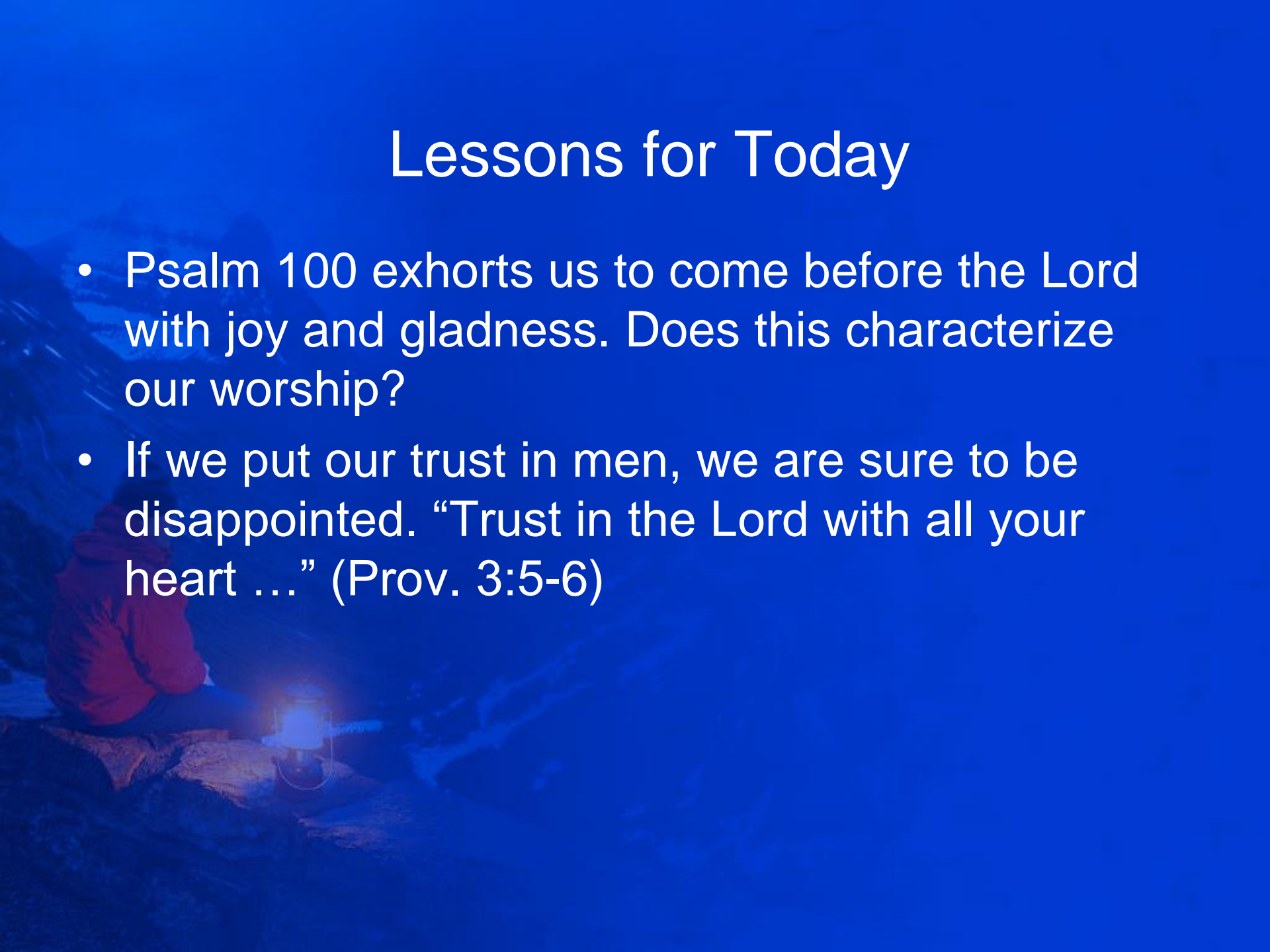
Psalms Praising the Goodness of God

- Article – “The Hallelujah Psalms” (p. 68)
- Note the three-part pattern that occurs in most of these
 - A call to praise
 - Reasons why God should be praised
 - Further calls to praise



Lessons for Today

- Psalm 100 exhorts us to come before the Lord with joy and gladness. Does this characterize our worship?
- If we put our trust in men, we are sure to be disappointed. “Trust in the Lord with all your heart ...” (Prov. 3:5-6)



Psalm 100 - “An Exhortation to Worship”

- Song #60 – “All People That On Earth Do Dwell”
- Vv. 1-3
 - Begins like a trumpet blast
 - Note the joyful words in the first two verses: “joyful shout”, “gladness,” “with singing”

Q2. What reason is given that demands our worship?

- He is God
- He has made us and not we ourselves
- We are His people

Psalm 100 - “An Exhortation to Worship”

- Vv. 4-5 – Repeats the pattern of vv. 1-3
 - A similar exhortation to v. 1
 - Here, emphasizes thanksgiving, praise, and blessing
- Q3 – For what three enduring things is God praised?
 - His goodness, mercy, and truth
- A timeless psalm
 - “The aspects of worship that this psalm stresses are constant factors that deserve to be noted wherever and whenever God’s people come together.” (Leupold)

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

60

Hymn: arr. William Kethe (1560); Psalm 100

Tune: OLD 100TH • Bourgeois's Genevan Psalter (1551)

1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell,

Sing to the LORD with cheer - ful voice.

Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell;

Come ye be - fore Him and re - joice.

2. Know that the LORD is God in - deed;

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With - out our aid He did us make.

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We are His flock, He doth us feed,

And for His sheep He doth us take.

3. 0 en-ter then His gates with joy;


The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 2/4. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics '3. 0 en-ter then His gates with joy;' are written below the staves. The music features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests and beams.

With - in His courts His praise pro - claim;

The second system of music also consists of two staves in treble and bass clefs with a key signature of one sharp and a time signature of 2/4. The lyrics 'With - in His courts His praise pro - claim;' are written below the staves. The musical notation continues with similar note values and rests as the first system.



Let thank-ful songs your tongues em-ploy.



O bless and mag-ni-fy His name.

4. Be - cause the LORD our God is good;

His mer - cy is for - ev - er sure:

His truth at all times firm - ly stood,

And shall from age to age en - dure.

Psalm 146 - “Blessed the man who hopes in the Lord”

Outline

- Vv. 1-2 – A summons to praise God
- Vv. 3-4 – Negative counsel: put no trust in princes
- Vv. 5-9 – Positive counsel: hope in the Lord
- V. 10 – The Lord’s unending kingship

Psalm 146 - “Blessed the man who hopes in the Lord”

- Vv. 1-2 - A summons to praise God
 - Resolves to praise the Lord as long as he lives
- Vv. 3-4 - Negative counsel: put no trust in princes

Q4 - Who should we not put our trust in? Why not?

- In princes or any man
- Because there is no help in him
- His spirit departs – he dies, and his plans perish; only God, who is everlasting, can be trusted to guide us.
- Proverbs 3:5-6

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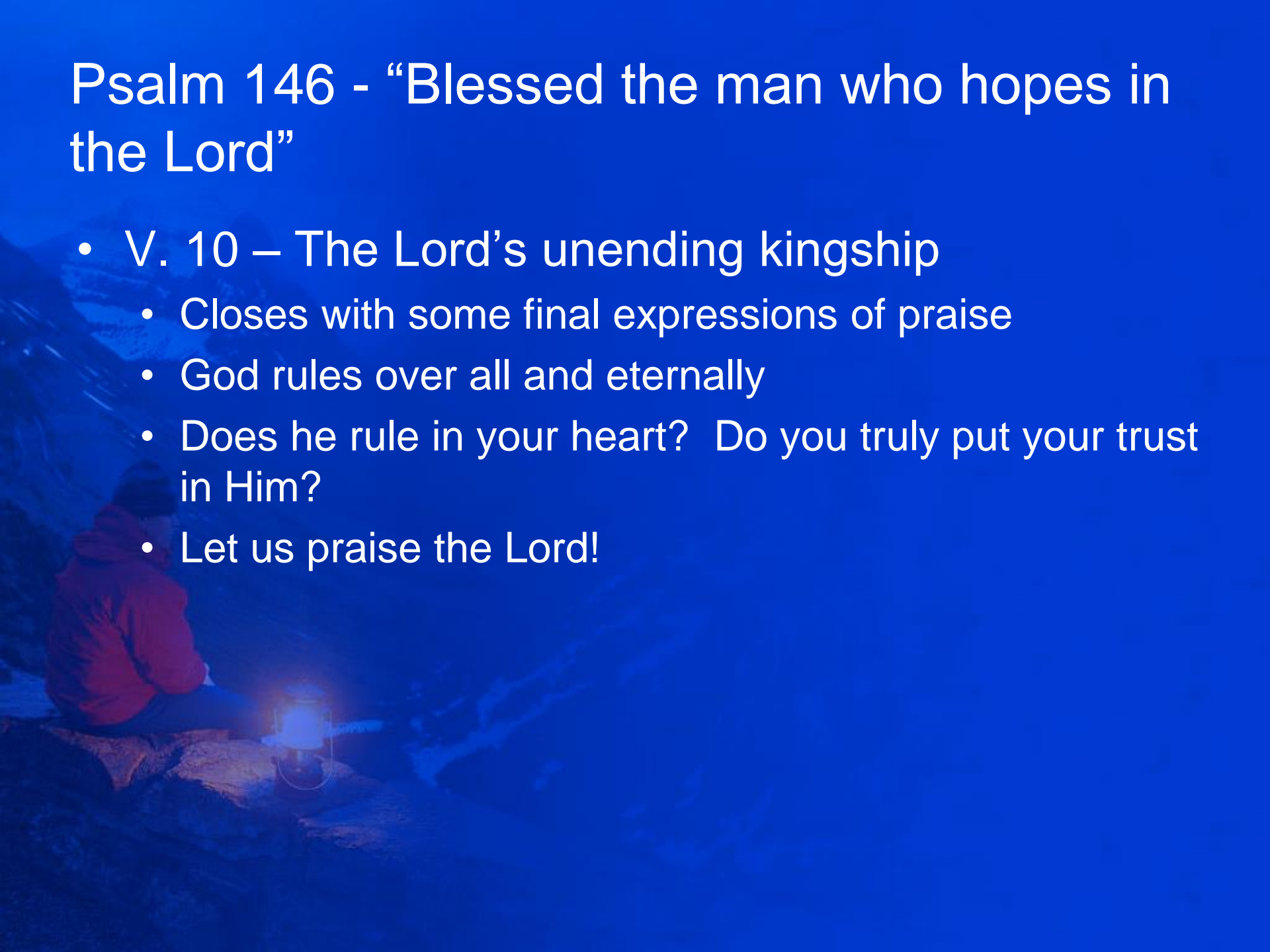
- Vv. 5-9 – Positive counsel: hope in the Lord
 - Theme – “Happy is he whose hope is in the Lord his God.”
 - God is the only One in whom men can truly trust for help
 - Vv. 6-9 illustrate why
 - He who made all things can most certainly control what He made
 - His benevolent providence is obvious

Q5 – List the classes of people God will help.

- The oppressed, the hungry, the prisoners, blind, bowed down, the righteous, strangers, fatherless, widow.

Psalm 146 - “Blessed the man who hopes in the Lord”

- V. 10 – The Lord’s unending kingship
 - Closes with some final expressions of praise
 - God rules over all and eternally
 - Does he rule in your heart? Do you truly put your trust in Him?
 - Let us praise the Lord!



Psalm 91 - "The Lord is My Refuge"

"In the whole collection there is not a more cheering Psalm, its tone is elevated and sustained throughout, faith is at its best, and speaks nobly. A German physician was wont to speak of it as the best preservative in times of cholera, and in truth it is a heavenly medicine against plague and pest. He who can live in its spirit will be fearless." (Spurgeon)

Q1 – The refuge we have in God is magnified in this psalm. What are some of the things He protects against?

- Snare of the fowler – traps; pestilence; terror at night; the arrow that flies by the day; destruction; any evil; plagues; treading the lion and cobra.

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Outline

- Vv. 1-2 – the theme – the Lord is my refuge
- Vv. 3-8 – the evils from which God delivers those who trust in Him
- Vv. 9-13 – the complete security enjoyed by those
- Vv. 14-16 – God’s rich promise to those

Psalm 91 - “The Lord is My Refuge”

- Vv. 1-2 – we can trust in God to be our refuge and fortress
 - Abiding under the shadow ... like a mother hen (v. 4)
- Vv. 3-8 – the evils from which God delivers those who trust in Him
 - Note some of the phrases that bear this out
 - Note the different times of day
 - God will deliver at all times

Psalm 91 - "The Lord is My Refuge"

- Vv. 9-13 – the complete security enjoyed by those
 - It's because we make God our dwelling place that this deliverance will come
 - Vv. 11-12
 - Quoted by Satan Mt. 4:5-6
 - Certainly a misuse of this passage
 - Very much figurative
 - Guardian angels? (see Hebrews 1:14)
 - No indication of specific ones. However, it should give us confidence that angels are at work in the spirit realm on our behalf.
 - V. 13 – again very figurative
- Vv. 14-16 – God's rich promise to those who love Him

Psalms Praising the Goodness of God

- Psalm 99 (Vv. 4, 6, 8-9)
 - Let men praise the holy one of Israel
- Psalm 103 (Vv. 8-14)
 - Praise for the mercies of the Lord
- Psalm 113 (Vv. 5-6)
 - The unique greatness of the Lord
- Psalm 117 (Vv. 1-2)
 - Israel's blessings are the hope of the Gentiles

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