

The Comeback Song

INTRO: *The Psalms were Israel's inspired hymnal. We don't know the tunes to which they were sung, but like any worship song, the words are the most important feature. Psalm 147 is the second of five Hallel psalms that close out Israel's psalter and posits reasons for remaining steadfast in recovering what was lost as a result of divine discipline.*

I. God's _____ for _____ may reap _____ consequences. *Israelites returning from*

Babylonian exile were facing a long arduous journey to recover what was lost through God's discipline for their sin of idolatry.

II. _____ may accompany the penitent _____ journey to recover what was _____ through God's _____ for _____. It may seem that all is lost, but...

III. God's _____ sustains the penitent _____ in his journey to recover what was _____ through God's discipline for _____ (1-20). Three reasons explain.

A. _____ (1-6).
He is at work in our restoration (He builds up...).

B. _____ (7-11).
God's gracious resources are for those who trust Him.

C. _____ (12-20).
*God's Word is **certain** as seen in **creation** and **covenant**: Israel would never cease to exist and our eternal salvation is secure.*