Our Perfect Help and Hope Psalm 146 (Page #525 in Pew Bible)

Big Idea: Make the LORD your perfect Help and Hope.

| l . | An opening exhortation to the LORD. (146:1-2) |
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| II. | An exhortation to never place your ultimate in a leader. (146:3-4) |
| III. | An explanation of why the LORD is our Help and Hope. (146:5-10a) |
| IV. | A closing exhortation to the LORD. (146:10b) |

Question: "How can I know if I am resting in God as my perfect Help and Hope?!"

- Where do you first turn for help, hope, and comfort when undesirable events or trials come?
- How do you respond when things do not go as you expected?
- How do you respond when your desired political candidates do not get elected?
- How would your family and friends answer these questions about you?

Implications from Psalm 146

- We must praise God above any human leader or above any other part of God's creation.
- We must reject the world's allurement to elevate God's creation over its Creator.
- We must rest in God as our perfect Help and Hope,
 no matter what we may sense coming down the road
 or what we find entering the front door of our lives.
- Be encouraged—by God's grace, Christians can live this way because of the Holy Spirit who indwells them and because of God's unchanging promises!