

PSALM 148:1-14

LESSON: ALL CREATION PRAISES THE LORD — January 29, 2017

INTRODUCTION:

Chapter 147 The psalmist exhorts the people to praise the Lord for it is pleasant and comely. God is worth our praise because He builds up Jerusalem, He gathers together the outcasts of Israel, He heals the broken hearted, builds up their wounds, knows how many stars and knows them by name. God is great, His power is absolute, and His understanding is infinite and unlimited. Therefore, we will come to find out that God understands us fully. The meek that are cast down in life are raised up by God. And the wicked that raise themselves up in this life are cast down to the ground by God. **(147:1-6)**.

Sing and give God thanks, even singing accompanied with harps. God continues to cover the heaven with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, and makes grass grow even on the mountains. He feeds wild animals and young ravens that cry to Him for food. It's not in the strength or speed of the horses that delight Him, nor the legs of man but, He takes pleasure in those who fear Him and those that hope in His mercy. God is not interested in the physical and material might of nations. The exhortation is for Jerusalem to praise the Lord. It's a reminder as Jerusalem is rebuilt, for He has strengthened the bars of the gates against their enemies, and has blessed their children within them. Therefore, there will be peace in their borders, and their barns filled with plenty of the finest wheat **(147:7-14)**.

God sends forth His commandment upon the earth and His Word runs very swiftly. He spreads snow like wool, frost like ashes, casts forth the ice like crumbs. Who can stand before His freezing cold? He sends out His Word and melts the ice. He causes the wind to blow and the waters to flow which shows us that the seasons are controlled by God. The psalmist concludes by revealing that God showed His Word to Jacob, His statutes and judgments to Israel. He has not done these things with any other nation, and they don't know His judgments. Praise ye the Lord **(147:15-20)**.

LESSON: I. THE PRAISE OF HEAVEN Psalm 148:1-6

148:1 Praise ye the Lord. Praise ye the Lord from the heavens: praise him in the heights. It ended with "Praise ye the Lord" in Psalm 147 and continues in this next chapter being repeated in four verses. This is a joyful song in which all of God's creation are invited to praise Him. Praise Him from the heavens and in the heights (regions above). We know that the Apostle John saw a glimpse into Heaven in the Book of Revelation.

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There was praise and worship going on before the throne of God 24/7. When the living creatures gave glory and honor, then the twenty-four elders would start up. It didn't stop. Revelation 4:8c, 11 says *"Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."*

148:2 Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts. Not only the heavens, but also those ministers that do His pleasure—All His angels and His hosts (great army) are to praise Him.

148:3 Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light. All of His heavenly elements—the sun, moon, and the stars of light are to praise Him. They can't help it, for He spoke them into existence. We see that in the Book of Genesis.

148:4 Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens. Praise is coming from the highest of heavens and the waters above the heavens. Water, no matter in what form rise up to give its Creator praise!

148:5 Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded, and they were created. When all the creation of God begin to praise His name, it will sounds like a symphony of harmonious praise coming together in a perpetual true medley. God commanded His creation, and in response they praise His name!

148:6 He hath also stablished them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass. The continued existence of all the celestial wonder is totally dependent upon the Creator who established them for ever and ever. He made a decree which shall not pass away.

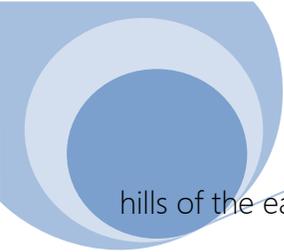
II. THE PRAISE OF THE EARTH Psalm 148:7-14

148:7 Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps:—Whatever creatures contained in the ocean depth are to praise the Lord. No matter the strength of them, praise will come.

148:8 Fire, and hail; snow, and vapours; stormy wind fulfilling his word:— The elements of fire and hail which are two opposites are of air and water. Fire captures the effect of lighting, while hail of water frozen in the air. Snow and vapor are elements of water and the stormy wind is of the air. Fire is put out; hail is melted, snow is melted, vapor disappears, and stormy winds are calmed. Their beauty in itself still give praise to the Lord, for He created them, and at His Word they fulfill and obey His purpose.

148:9 Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars:— The towering mountains and all the lowly

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hills of the earth; the fruitful trees, and all the forest trees are to praise the Lord.

148:10 Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl:— The fierce and tame animals, creeping and fowl animals of the world are to praise the Lord.

148:11 Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth:— The kings, all the people, princes, and all the judges are not exempt to praise God.

148:12 Both young men, and maidens; old men, and children:— Young and old men; maidens (young women), and children are to praise the Lord. No matter the age or gender, praise will come.

148:13 Let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven. All of whom we've just talked about are to praise the name of the Lord. Excellent is His name, and His glory is above the earth and heaven.

148:14 He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints; even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the Lord. Because God has lifted up the strength of His people is a cause to praise Him. All His saints, even the children of Israel, and the people near Him are to— Praise ye the Lord.

SUMMARY:

Let all of creation Praise the Lord: the heavens, the skies, all His angels, all the armies of heaven, the sun, the moon, the stars, heavens above, waters above the heavens. Let every created thing give praise to the Lord, for He issued His command, and they came into being. He established them permanently in place forever and ever, and His decree will never pass away (**148:1-6**).

Let all from the earth Praise the Lord: creatures contained in the ocean depth, fire and hail, snow and vapor, stormy wind obey Him. Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all the forest trees, fierce and tame animals, creeping and fowl animals, kings, all the people, princes, and all the judges, young men and old men, maidens (young women), and children give praise. Let them all praise the name of the Lord, for His name is excellent, and His glory towers over the earth and heaven. He has made His people strong, honoring His faithful ones— All His saints, even of the children of Israel, and people that are close to Him. Praise ye the Lord (**148:7-14**).