

Daily Encouragement – Wednesday 9th September

Psalm 148

A lovely psalm of praise. The word 'praise' is mentioned no less than 13 times in 14 verses!

First **the heavens and heavenly beings praise the Lord v1-6.**

¹ Praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights above.

² Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

³ Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars.

⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens
and you waters above the skies.

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for at his command they were created, - What God commands happens!

⁶ and he established them for ever and ever—
he issued a decree that will never pass away.

Such a visual picture of **creation praising the Lord v7-12** including all types of people from all nations.

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

⁸ lightning and hail, snow and clouds,
stormy winds that do his bidding,

⁹ you mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars,

¹⁰ wild animals and all cattle,
small creatures and flying birds,

¹¹ kings of the earth and all nations,
you princes and all rulers on earth,

¹² young men and women,
old men and children.

"It is a grand orchestra which contains such wind-instruments as these! (In verse 8) He is a great leader who can keep all these musicians in concert, and direct both time and tune"

Charles Spurgeon

¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;

his splendour is above the earth and the heavens.

¹⁴ And he has raised up for his people a horn, - 'horn' means strength
the **praise** of all his faithful servants,
of Israel, the people close to his heart.

Praise the LORD.

We are the LORD's faithful servants, not because of anything special about us, but because we are the redeemed, washed by the blood of Christ. He is to be praised for who He is (His name and splendour v13) and all that He has done (in great strength and power v14). We are people close to God's heart. Praise the LORD!

[Song: All creatures of our God and King](#)

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