

PSALM 148

Praising God is the theme of this Psalm. When praising God, one is _____, glorying, and boasting in God. This praise involves people and things and has the idea of _____ involvement.

I. Praise to God called for from the heavens Vs 1-6

- A. *The heavens/heights*-that part of creation that man knows little about yet _____ it every day when he steps outside his home Vs 1
- B. The angels dwell in the heavens and are commanded to praise God Vs 2
 1. *Angels-Messengers* created by God for doing _____ he chooses. They often take on a _____ form in the OT. In the NT, Hebrews calls them ministering spirits sent forth by God to minister to the believers. Hebs 1:13-14
 2. *Hosts*-a military term which conveys the idea that there are _____ of angels waiting for God's command, which they will obey explicitly
- C. The created _____ in the heavens are commanded to praise God Vs 3-4
 1. The lights _____ in the heavens
 - a. *Sun and moon*-the greater and lesser lights
 - b. *Stars*-the vast array of smaller lights that are yet so majestic when visible
 2. *Heaven of heavens*-either the part of the universe man is _____ of or the dwelling place of God
 3. *Waters above the heavens*-there is great beauty and glory to God in the _____ formations
- D. Those things which God created in the heavens, he created to _____ him glory and praise, which he receives by their fulfilling the eternal purpose which he created them to do Vs 5-6

II. Praise to God called for from the earth Vs 7-14

- A. Dragons-28 occurrences; the authorized version translates as "dragon" 21 times, "serpent" three times, "whale" three times, and "sea monster" once. 1 dragon, serpent, sea monster. [Enhanced Strong's Lexicon] Vs 7
- B. *Deeps*-the _____
- C. Those created things that man cannot _____ praise God by doing that which he chooses Vs 8
- D. The created things which _____ mankind to exist or exist alongside of mankind Vs 9-

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E. People are to praise God Vs 11-14

1. People of _____ and authority are to praise God Vs 11
2. People of all _____ are to praise God Vs 12
3. The reason given as to why God is to be praised Vs 13
 - a. *His name alone is excellent*-his name is the _____ name that is to be praised
 - b. His glory is _____ that man is and can see
- F. _____, specifically, is called out to praise God in this Psalm Vs 14
 1. *Exalteth the horn of his people*-Israel had experienced the special blessings of God which _____ other nation had experienced
 2. Israel was a nation which God created and _____ to draw near to and call them his own people