



Level Up
Level Up Your Wonder
Psalm 148



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Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

2 Praise him, all his angels;
 praise him, all his hosts!
 3 Praise him, sun and moon,
 praise him, all you shining stars!
 4 Praise him, you highest heavens,
 and you waters above the heavens!
 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord!
 For he commanded and they were created.
 6 And he established them forever and ever;
 he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.
 7 Praise the Lord from the earth,
 you great sea creatures and all deeps,
 8 fire and hail, snow and mist,
 stormy wind fulfilling his word!
 9 Mountains and all hills,
 fruit trees and all cedars!
 10 Beasts and all livestock,
 creeping things and flying birds!
 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,
 princes and all rulers of the earth!
 12 Young men and maidens together,
 old men and children!
 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord,
 for his name alone is exalted;
 his majesty is above earth and heaven.
 14 He has raised up a horn for his people,
 praise for all his saints,
 for the people of Israel who are near to him.
 Praise the Lord!

The Heavens Praise the LORD – vv. 1–6

Location		Inhabitants	
1	Light & Darkness	4	Sun, Stars, Moon
2	Sky & Sea	5	Fish & Fowl
3	Land	6	Land Animals, including humans
7	Rest & Enjoyment		

- Why are the heavens to praise the LORD?
 - “For he commanded and they were created. And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away” (vv. 5b–6).
 - Creation praises the Creator because it reveals the Creator.



- “For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. 20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse” (Romans 1:19–20).
- “Wherever you cast your eyes, there is no spot in the universe wherein you cannot discern at least some sparks of his glory. You cannot in one glance survey this most vast and beautiful system of the universe, in its wide expanse, without being completely overwhelmed by the boundless force of its brightness” (John Calvin, *Institutes of Christian Religion*, 1.5.1).
- The heavens can’t help but praise the LORD.

The Earth Praises the LORD – vv. 7–14

- Where does worship culminate?
 - “Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and maidens together, old men and children! Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven” (vv. 12–13).
 - Worship culminates with humanity because creation culminates with humanity. Creation culminates with humanity because we’re the only creatures created in the image of God.
 - We were created to worship.

- “The revelation of God in all the works of His hands would be quite unknowable to man if God had not planted in his soul an inerasible sense of His existence and being” (Herman Bavinck, *The Wonderful Works of God*, 26).
- Where does worship gravitate?
 - “21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. 24 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, 25 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen” (Romans 1:21–25).
 - “23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth” (John 4:23–24).
 - We were created to worship exclusively.

How will you join in creation this week to praise the LORD?