All Creation Praise the Lord! Psalm 148

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¹³ Let them <u>praise</u> 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, <u>praise</u> for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. <u>Praise the LORD!</u>

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- i. 13 Praises in 14 verses.
- ii. No problems, no stories, only praise.

Praise the Lord for his creative power.

- i. God created a good world (Gen 1-2).
- ii. God reveals himself in creation (Psalm 19).
- iii. We see God in creation (Rom 1:19-20).

Creation demonstrates grace.

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Praise the Lord because:

He commanded and they were created (v. 5).

He established them forever and ever (v. 6). Each element praises by doing its assigned purpose in its assigned place.

Praising God is our place and purpose.

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Praise the Lord because:

He is exalted ruler; sovereign (vv. 13-14).

He has raised up a king (v. 14; Lk 1:30-33).

Praise God, like Psalm 148:

- i. Rightly understand God.
- ii. Declare what is true and right about God.
- iii. Reorient our lives toward God.

Knowing God created everything ... Praise the Lord!