

## LESSONS FROM PSALMS ONE HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT

Scripture: Psalms 148:1-14

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Introduction:

- A. This is another Psalm of pure praise. It begins and ends with a call to praise the Lord. The last five psalms all begin and end with the admonition, "Praise ye the Lord."
- B. This enforces the truth that God's creation can never praise the Lord as much as He deserves.  
Also, it could be pointing out the truth that praise was the primary purpose in creation.  
Also, that praise will be the only occupation in eternity and that these bodies having the adamic nature hinder our giving God the praise He desires and deserves.
- C. This Psalm seems to be set in two major divisions which are made up of two sections each.
  1. Verses 1-6 deal with heavenly praise, or praise from above the earth with the last part of v. 5 and v. 6 setting for the reasons for praise.
  2. Verses 7-14 deal with praise from earth bound creation with the last part of v. 13 and v. 14 giving the reason for praise.

I. LEARN THE EXTENT OF EXPECTED PRAISE.

- A. Heavenly creation.
  1. Living creatures v.2
    - a. Angels
    - b. All ye hosts, seraphims, cherubims
  2. Inanimate creation vs. 3,4
    - a. sun
    - b. moon
    - c. stars
    - d. heavens of heavens
    - e. waters that be above the heavens
- B. Earthly creation
3. Inanimate creation
  - a. Fire
  - b. hail
  - c. snow
  - d. vapour
  - e. stormy wind
  - f. mountains
  - g. hills
  - h. fruit trees
  - i. cedars
2. Living creation
  - a. Non-God conscious life dragons and all the deep v.7  
v.10 beast, cattle, creeping things, flying fowl
  - b. God-conscious life v.11  
Kings, all people, princes, judges, young men, maidens, old men and children

II. LEARN THE WHY OF PRAISE vs.5, 6 and 13, 14

- A. Because God has created for this purpose v. 5b
- B. Because God commands His creation to praise Him. vs. 5, 6
- C. v. 13 Because His Name alone is excellent, worthy.
- D. v. 13 Because His glory is above the glory of the heavens and the earth.
- E. v. 14 Because He has exalted the horn (power) of His people.
- F. v. 14 Because of His care of Israel.

III. LEARN THE HOW OF PRAISE

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- A. Although no specific instructions are found in this Psalm, the how is implied in the verses dealing with the inanimate creation and the creatures of lower life ...
- B. How does the sun praise God? As we say it ... "The sun comes up every morning, shines all day, supplies the power for the process of photosynthesis which replenishes our free oxygen supply and feeds the world.
- C. How does the moon and the stars praise God? If it had not been for the stars, America would never have been discovered. celestial navigation ... north star
- D. All of inanimate creation and all forms of lower life praise God without minds and without articulate voice. How? Simply by fulfilling God's purpose in creating them.
- E. Surely that is God's plan for His creation to which He gave minds to reason with and voices to speak with.

Praising God is:

- 1. Recognizing God as Creator and Sustainer of our life.
- 2. Recognizing Him as Sovereign of His whole creation.
- 3. Recognizing our own failures, our sin, falling short of His glory.
- 4. Confessing our sin to God and asking Him to forgive us.
- 5. Believing that Jesus came to this earth through the miracle of the virgin birth, that He lived a perfect life, suffered and bled and died to pay our sin debt, that He was buried and that He rose again for our justification.
- 6. Trusting His Son Jesus Christ to save us.
- 7. Living for Him who died for us.