

Press On: Praising God for His Splendor

Psalm 148:1-14

Sermon Series Summary

Have you ever gone through moments, days, or weeks and just felt compelled to "PRAISE" God or shout a loud voice of "THANKSGIVING?" We live in a world that is continually bombarding us with obstacles that strive to take our focus off of praising God. This series helps you refocus your attention on putting God first and foremost as the predominate point of praise in your life.

Main Passage

Psalm 148:1-14 (ESV) – ¹Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! ²Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! ³Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars! ⁴Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! ⁵Let them praise the name of the Lord! For he commanded and they were created. ⁶And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away. ¬Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, ⁶fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word! ⁶Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! ¹¹₀Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds! ¹¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! ¹²Young men and maidens together, old men and children! ¹³Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven. ¹⁴He 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!

Big Idea - Praise God Today for His Power, Might, and Splendor

Three Starting Points to Praise God for His Splendor

Starting Point #1 - Praise the Lord as Hosanna in the Highest

Psalm 148:1-2 (ESV) – ¹Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! ²Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

■ **Key Point** – The first starting point that we examine deals with praising the Lord as the Most High. We observe that in order to praise God for His splendor then we must first recognize Him as the Sovereign Ruler of life and creation, the Most High.

Starting Point #2 – Praise the Lord as the Unique Author of Creation

Psalm 148:3-10 (ESV) – ³Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars! ⁴Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! ⁵Let them praise the name of the Lord! For he commanded and they were created. ⁶And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away. ⁷Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, ⁸fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word! ⁹Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! ¹⁰Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!

■ **Key Point** – The second starting point that we examine deals with recognizing the Lord as the Author of Creation. God alone deserves praise and adoration as the unique author of creation. He is the author of life and deserves praise for His mighty hand of provision.

Starting Point #3 – Praise the Lord for His Glorious Might and Authority Over Mankind

Psalm 148:11-14 (ESV) – ¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! ¹²Young men and maidens together, old men and children! ¹³Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven. ¹⁴He 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!

■ **Key Point** – The final starting point that we examine deals with praising God for His Glorious Might. He is the Mighty God who is Mighty to save and He alone has authority over all of heaven and earth.

Memory Verse

Psalm 148:1 – Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Challenge:

Remind yourself that your responsibility, before the Lord, is to apply the truths you have discovered in the Word of God. As you reflect on this message, help others turn their disbelief into belief by...

- Inviting others to a Sunday morning service
- Inviting others to Bible study
- Asking others how you could pray for them