

Psalm 148

¹ Everyone, join me in praising the LORD! Ah, but who is the LORD? He is Jesus Christ, the Messiah!¹ Let me ask you, “Who should praise Him, and what already praises Him?”

Things above the surface of the earth

² All of His angels praise Him with the highest of praise;
³ the sun, the moon, and ⁴ the stars of the universe bring praise to Him; and our atmosphere and the space just above it bring praise to Him.

⁵ It is only right that these things should bring glory and praise to the LORD because He spoke them into being. ⁶ When He did that, He made a decree that they would remain and not pass away until He makes all things new at the end of time.

Things on the earth

⁷ These are the things on the earth that praise Him:

1. In the oceans or in the air

The great creatures of the sea,
the creatures that live at the bottom of the oceans,
snow and snow clouds, and
mighty storms with lightning, thunder, and hail.

All of these things do whatever He commands.

2. On the surface of the earth

⁹ The mountains and valleys,
the fruit trees and evergreen trees, and
¹⁰ all of the animals, bugs, insects, and birds that fly.

3. Human beings

¹¹ Rulers of nations, political people under them, and judges; and
¹² Young men, young women, old men, old women, and children.

Every created thing everywhere

¹³ Let everything mentioned above praise the LORD, Jesus Christ. You who are reading this, praise Him too, because His name is the greatest name ever uttered on earth, and His glory is higher than anything on the earth or in the universe. ¹⁴ He has strengthened² His chosen people Israel because they are dear to Him, and He has generated praise for those of His saints who live in a good and godly manner.

¹ In John 14:6, Christ said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father, but by me.” Therefore, the name “Jesus Christ, the Messiah” has been used.”

² Peter A. Steveson, *Psalms*, copyright © BJU Press, Greenville, South Carolina, pg. 558