



DIGGING DEEPER

Psalm 148 – Praise the God of Creation



PLEASE READ – Psalm 148

GETTING STARTED

What does it mean to ***Praise the Lord***?

How do we do it? Give examples – reading the Psalm helps!

Who should do it?

Is it personal or should we include others (Count up the number of times the phrase occurs)?

PRAISE THE LORD FROM THE HEAVENS

What do you think about Paul's account in 2 Corinthians 12?

How does that help in understanding Psalm 148?

How do you 'feel' in response to verses 1-4?

How does that inform your worship?

What does v5 mean in practice? Give examples.

How does v6 tie in with the promise of a New Creation?

PRAISE THE LORD FROM THE EARTH

How important do you think it is to feel the 'emotion' of the text, as well as the words?

Reflect on verses 7-12 and Job 38:7

Does it make praising the Lord a duty or a joy?

v8 – can you praise the Lord for his providence in the light of recent storms?

Is it difficult? Why / why not?

Should we resolve to see – and worship – God in the ordinary everyday things as well as the extraordinary? What can we do to increase that?

PRAISE THE LORD HIS SPECIAL PEOPLE

The Psalm so far has helped us see the majesty and infinity of this creation. But verses 13 and 14 seem to point to something beyond even that.

Is it valid to see Christ as the ultimate fulfilment of the 'horn'?

Ps 18v2 Ps 132v17 1Sam 2v10 2Sam 22v3 Lk 1v69

Is it valid to see 'the people close to his heart' as pointing to more than the Old Testament nation of Israel?

In the coming week...

What ordinary thing will you stop and praise the Lord for?

Who else can you encourage to Praise the Lord for something?

Remember

It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High

Psalm 92:1