

# Praise the LORD!

Psalm 148



## Residue

= What remains after something is gone  
What remains after someone leaves?  
What should the effect of our presence be?

## The Name of the LORD

Generic names for God

God / Allah / Dios / El or Elohim / ...

Personal name for God

Yahweh / Jehovah

LORD

How do we know God's personal name?

Translated 'kurios' in Greek (used of Jesus)

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## Psalm 148

- 1a: Praise the LORD
- 1b: Praise the LORD from the heavens...
- 5a: Let them praise the name of the LORD
- 7a: Praise the LORD from the earth...
- 13a: Let them praise the name of the LORD
- 14b: Praise the LORD

### 1-4: Praise the LORD from the heavens

### 5-6: All in the heavens must bring praise to the LORD

Living in God's decree

Prompting people to praise the LORD

### 7-12: Praise the LORD from the earth

Often seem chaotic and uncontrolled and rebellious against God

Often oppose God

### 13-14: All on earth must bring praise to the LORD

Living in God's decree

Prompting people to praise the LORD

## The Big Idea

**Everything and everyone  
created or rescued by Jesus Christ  
must join in praise to Him  
in actions and words**

"The universal obligation of all God's creation is to demonstrate allegiance by praising him"

### How does art bring praise to its artist?

By being what the artist created

"Through him all things were made" John 1:2

Sometimes we try to hide what God has made. Why?

Sometimes we critique what God has made. In ourselves or in others

Sometimes we reject what God has made, and try to change or ruin it

Sometimes we deface and ruin what God has made. To ourselves or to others

### "The universal obligation of all God's creation is to demonstrate allegiance by praising him"

By fulfilling His design

By declaring His glory and grace

"Made and Saved by Jesus Christ"

Title: Starry Night

Artist: Vincent van Gogh

Date: 1889



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How do the sun, the stars, the rain, lightning, floods, ... give praise to God? How do people give praise to God?  
by being what God made them to be  
by doing what God decreed them to do  
by prompting people to see God's glory  
and grace in Jesus Christ

"Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."  
*Hebrews 13:15-16*

## Application

### Praise the LORD!

By fulfilling God's design

**Being** what He created us to be

Contentment in what He has made

**Doing** what He has told us to do

"Do not forget to do good and to share with others"

By declaring His glory and grace

"Return home and tell how much God has done for you.' So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him." Luke 8:39

Tell a Christian

Tell someone who doesn't yet know Jesus

➔ at Thanksgiving

"The fruit of lips that openly profess His name"

### So that praise for God grows wherever we go

By creation working as God intended

By bringing more to faith in Christ

By believers growing into God's design for them

This is **evangelism**: introducing people to the Good News of Jesus

and **discipleship**: growing people in the Good News of Jesus

### What is the 'residue' you leave after you encounter people?

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## Reflection Questions for later today or this week...

1. When are you tempted to hide Jesus Christ in your life from others?
2. What makes it hard for you to accept how God has designed and made you? What steps of faith might God be asking you to take to accept His design while also seeking His healing and transformation?
3. What does it look like for you to "Praise the LORD"? What does it look like for us to do that?
4. When and who will you "tell how much Jesus has done for you"?

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## Conversation Starter

With someone you know and trust: What is the residue I leave behind after encountering people?