

PRAYING PSALM 148

“Praise the Lord from the heavens... Praise the Lord from the earth” (Psalm 148:1, 15).

This psalm is a call for universal praise to the Lord. 1. A CALL FOR HEAVEN’S PRAISE (1-6). Celestial beings, celestial lights (sun, moon, and stars), and celestial waters are called to praise the Lord. The “waters above the heavens” collapsed as a part of the world-wide flood (Genesis 1:7). Here it states they are forever, so they evidently will be restored in the new earth. (Revelation 21). 2. A CALL FOR EARTH’S PRAISE (7-14). All of creation is called to praise their Creator – the creatures, the elements, the mountains and trees, beasts and kings, princes and judges, young and old, men and women. His name and His glory are exalted above the earth and heaven.

When you praise the Lord, you join creation in praising God. God is to be praised in heaven and on earth. When you praise the Lord, be conscious that you are joined by creation. The third verse of one of the most well-known hymns in history says: “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! All they works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea; Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty! God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!