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**Triumphant Tuesday and Wisdom Wednesday**

**Bible Study (Psalm 148) AMP**

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**I love to praise Him**

**I love to praise His name**

**I love to praise Him**

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**I love to praise Him**

**I love to praise His name**

**OOOOOOOH - I love to praise His Holy Name**

**He's my rock-----**

**He's my rock, my sword and shield**

**He's my wheel**

**He's my wheel, in the middle of a wheel**

**I know He'll never**

**I know He'll never, ever let me down**

**He's a Jewel-----**  
**He's a Jewel that I have found---**  
**Hallelujah**  
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**OOOOOOH—I love to praise**  
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**OOOOOOH—I love to praise His Holy Name**

**I thought that this song was appropriate, since Psalm 148 is all about praising God, for who He is and what He has already done. The lyrics of the song captures the heart of worship, it reminds us of the transforming power of praise; and the unending love and faithfulness of the Almighty God. The song should encourage us to embrace the joy and**

**peace found in praise and worship; no matter the circumstances, praising God is an essential part of faith in God. It allows us to cultivate a deeper connection with the Creator; the Creator that Psalms 148 is talking about.**

## **Prayer**

### **Introduction**

The author of **Psalms 148** is unknown. Some think that it was written to be used in the new temple of Jerusalem, which was destroyed by the Babylonians and rebuilt by the Jews 70 years later. **Psalms 148** is the third of the five Psalms known as “The Final Praise” (**146-150**); each of the five psalms begins and ends the same way: “Praise the Lord.”

The message from **Psalms 148** is a command for everything and everyone in heaven and on earth to praise the Lord. Numerous scriptures in the Book of Psalms and through the Bible instructs us to Praise the Lord. Everything of creation is to praise the Lord. We are to forget about ourselves and concentrate on Him. ***It is He who have made us and not we ourselves (Ps 100:3).***

***Psalms 105:1-2 TPT, “Go ahead and give God thanks for all the glorious things he has done! Go ahead and worship him! Tell everyone about his wonders! Let’s sing his praises! Sing, and put all of his miracles to music!***

***Luke 19:40 TPT – Jesus responded, “Listen to me. If my followers were silenced, the very stones would break forth with praises!”***

Psalm 148 is a command invitation for all creation to take its place in this choir rehearsal of Praise.

Note, I stated “choir rehearsal” because this life here on earth is just fine tuning for the eternal choir that we are practicing to be a part of through eternity. ***Hebrew 13:14 TPT, “For we have no city here on earth to be our permanent home, but we seek the city that is destined to come.”***

Psalms 148 –

AMP

1 Praise the Lord! Praise the lord from the heavens;  
Praise Him in the heights!

2 Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His  
hosts (armies)!

3 Praise Him sun and moon; Praise Him, all stars of light!

4 Praise Him, highest heavens, and the waters above the heavens!

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord, for He commanded and they were created.

6 He has also established them forever and ever; He has made a decree which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, Sea monsters and all deeps;

8 Lightning and hail, snow and fog; Stormy wind, fulfilling His orders;

9 Mountains and all hills; Fruitful trees and all cedars;

10 Beasts and all cattle; Creeping things and winged birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all people; Princes and all judges of the earth;

12 Both young men and virgins; Old men and children.

13 Let them praise the name of the Lord, For His name alone is exalted and supreme; His glory and majesty are above earth and heaven.

14 He has lifted up a horn for His people (giving them strength, prosperity, dignity, and preeminence), Praise for all His godly ones; For the people of Israel, a people near to Him. Praise the Lord! (Hallelujah!)

## **The Word of the Lord.**

All creations are called upon to praise the Lord, therefore, we are going to focus on: **Why Praise God**, and **The Power of Praise and Worship**.

I don't have Psalms 148 broken down as I usually present, but I pray that the Word will be clear and edifying.

## **Why Praise God**

God loves praise and he seek worshipers per **John 4:23 AMP** - ***“But a time is coming and is already here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit (from the heart, the inner self) and in truth; for the Father seeks such people to be His worshipers.”***

Worshipers are humble before God, every part of our lives should be surrendered to God's control, worshipers adore God for who He is, not for what He has done. The difference between Praise and Worship is that Praise is about God, and Worship is to God. Praise is opening up. Worship is entering in.

Praise is boldly declaring. Worship is humbly bowing in the presence of God. Praise applauds God's action. Worship is honoring God for who He is. Worship is an attitude of the heart. God sees the heart, and He desires and deserves sincere, heartfelt praise and worship.

And I'm sure this has been heard before at some point and time, but let me paraphrase **2 Peter 1:13** I think it right to refresh our memory on these things."

God loves us! Yes, God's love is seen through Jesus Christ, who sacrificed Himself for our sins, it demonstrated the depths of His unconditional love for us.

Take some time and reflect on moments of time and seasons in our everyday lives that we just known/knew/felt the LOVE of God. In our everyday lives we have reminders of His unconditional love that sustains us through life's trials and tribulations.

When we seemed to be faced with impossible situations, but we maintain an unwavering trust in God; God's love remains constant and unwavering. Despite our doubts and complaints, God remains faithful, demonstrating a love that is patient and unfailing.' We might have a family history of



conflict and betrayal, God restores broken relationships in our lives; God has the power of reconciliation and restoration, it comes from God's love. God's love knows no boundaries and can transform even the most broken relationships into opportunities for healing and restoration. God continues to pursue us even when we stray, no matter how far we may have wandered or how unworthy we may feel, God's love remains constant and unwavering.' The cross serves as a reminder that even in our darkest hours, we are never alone, God's love is always present and ready to embrace us.'

***“So here I am in the place of worship, eyes open, drinking in your strength and glory. In your generous love I am really living at last! My lips brim praises like fountains. I bless you every time I take a breath; My arms wave like banners of praise to you.” (Psalms 63:2-4 MSG)***

‘When praises goes up; blessings comes down.’

The method God used in creation was in the power of his word, **“And God said...” Gen 1:3,6,9,11,14,20,24,26(NKJV)**. What an awesome God we serve; He just speak a Word and it exist. Christ is revealed as the eternal Word of

God. Look at **John 1:1-4 (NKJV)** ***“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.”***

And further scripture reads **Colossians 1:15 (NKJV)**, ***“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.”***

Heavenly host, stars, sun, moon, seas, hills, mountains, trees, animals in and out of the water, birds, creeping things, beast – shout out praise to God who spoke them into existence.

Fire, snow, clouds, stormy winds, hail, lightening; God uses the elements of weather to accomplish His will, they all obey every whisper of His command.

**(Exodus 3:2, 9:19, 9:24; Psalm 147:16; Deut 4:11; Gen 8:1)**

Do we obey every whisper of His command; Oh!  
Let me say that WE are a work in progress; this is a true statement, can't we do better, and not use this statement so much as a crutch?

We, who was made in His image

We, who are so thoroughly blessed by God

We, who He has invited into His kingdom

We, whom He loves So Unconditionally.

Heavenly host, angels, angelic beings, their constant occupation is surrounding God's throne offering up praise to God.

**Rev 4:8b NLT, *"Day after day and night after night they keep on saying, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty- the one who always was, who is, and who is to come."***

There were other angelic beings that got it twisted - thinking that, ***"I will make myself like the Most High"*** (read **Isaiah 14:12-15, Ezekiel 28:16 and Revelation 12:7-9**)- see the outcome of that stinking thinking.

God said: ***"I am the Lord, that is My name! I will not give my glory to anyone else, nor share my praise with carved idols."*** (Isaiah 42:8)

The heavenlies – the sun, the moon, the stars, the sky – were not only made by God, but they also continue because of His word (a decree). (Decrees of God are His will and His purposes, God is unchangeable. **Isaiah 46:9b-10, “For I am God, and there is no one else; I am God, and there is no one like Me; declaring the end and the result from the beginning, and from ancient times the thing which have not (yet) been done, saying, ‘My purpose will be established, and I will do all that pleases Me and fulfills My purpose.’”** The heavenlies continued establishment gives them reason to praise the God who decreed it. God is the Preserver as well as the Creator.

**Jeremiah 31:35-36 MSG, “God’s Message, from the God who lights up the day with sun and brightens the night with moon and stars, who whips the ocean into a billowy froth, whose name is God-of-the-Angel-Armies: “If this ordered cosmos ever fell to pieces, fell into chaos before me “- God’s Decree - “Then and only then might Israel fall apart and disappear as a nation before me.”**

All creatures (sea, ocean, river, stream), all occurrences of the weather, should praise God.

Everything on the land, both fixed and moving (mountains, hills, trees), all animals of the land should praise God.

One of the commentators stated that those who do not praise God and are willfully silent when it comes to praising God, are worse than beast. (Spurgeon)

My question to you is, how much more God desires and expects to receive glory and praise from us!

Humans! whom God created in His own image  
**(Gen 1:27)**

The **AMP** put's it this way ***“For our sake He made Christ (virtually) to be sin Who knew no sin, so that in and through Him we might become (endured with, viewed as being in, and examples of) the righteousness of God (what we ought to be, approved and acceptable and in right relationship with Him, by His goodness). 2 Corinthians 5:21***

‘When praises goes up blessings comes down’

Why praise God?! Check out the Gospels;

**Matthew 27:** it testifies that Christ experience separation from God due to the fact of His taking ALL our sins upon himself; He who had no sin; gave

himself as ransom for us. We are redeemed by the Blood of lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

**Mark 15**, paints a vivid picture of how the soldiers treated Jesus; how they put a purple robe on him, and twisted together a crown of thorns and crushed it onto His head.

**Luke 23** brings out the fact that even through all He endured, pain, suffering, mockery, His mind was focused on God's will being done; ***Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing (Luke 23:24)***

**John 3:16-17 KJV** wraps it up; ***For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.***

God has welcomed us into His kingdom - **Matt 6:33 NIV**, ***"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."***

The adoption of us - **Ephesian 1 NLT** - ***"All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every***

***spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son.***

My question to you is – “What’s your Praise temperature? Is it based on your feelings instead of the Facts of God’s Word?

Are you singing your part in God’s choir of praise or are you just out of tune?

***With my whole heart, with my whole life, and with my innermost being, I bow in wonder and love before you, the holy God! Yahweh, you are my soul’s celebration. How could I ever forget the miracles of kindness you’ve done for me? (Psalm 103:1-2) TPT***

## **The Power of Praise and Worship**

The Word says that God dwells in the praises of His people. Praise to God is a show of faith which takes

us into His presence. Praise and Worship is the permission slip which allows us to enter in God's presence.

***“Enter His gates with a song of thanksgiving and His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, bless and praise His name.” (Psalms 100:4)***

There are many ways of praising God, verbal adoration, and thanksgiving, singing, dancing, playing instruments, lift and/or clapping hands.

**Matt 15:8** speaks on worship, that it can be an outward show and not from the heart. It reads TPT, ***“These people honor me only with their words, for their hearts are so very distant from me.”***

Praise should be a part of a believers, lifestyle, combined with their daily prayer-life. ***“I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.”*** Psalms 34:1.

Praise is an expression of faith, and a declaration of victory; **Romans 8:28** TPT, ***“So we are convinced that every detail of our lives is continually woven together for good, for we are his lovers who have been called to fulfill his designed purpose.”***



Let's take a look at a couple of examples of **"Praise and Worship Power,"** from the **Word of God.**

**2 Chronicles 20:15,17-19, 21-22, "Listen, King Jehoshaphat, and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the LORD says to you: "Do not be afraid or discouraged" because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's. You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give you. Again he tells him not to be afraid nor discouraged; go face them, the LORD will be with you. Jehoshaphat bowed with his face to the ground, and all the people of Judah and Jerusalem fell down in worship before the LORD. And some others stood up and praised the LORD, the God of Israel, with a very loud voice. After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the LORD and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army saying: "Give thanks to the LORD, for his love endures forever." As they began to sing and praise, the LORD set ambushes against**

***their enemies, who were invading Judah and they were defeated.***

Before the battle, Jehoshaphat's army had singers praise the Lord and they witnessed the destruction of their foes; their worship served as a weapon and God stepped in. When God's people start praising, something happens-it's as though a sense of possibility and hope permeates the spiritual atmosphere. There is a shift in the atmosphere when there is praise and worship. God inhabits our praises; the enemy will flee. Can you recall the song; Our praise is a weapon.

***Acts 16:22 NIV, The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten. After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison. He put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Sila were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly a violent earthquake shook the foundations of the prison; at once all the prison doors flew open, everybody's chains came loose. The jailer woke up and saw all the prison doors open, he drew his sword to***

***kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escape, but Paul shouted, “Don’t harm yourself! We are all here! The jailer fell trembling before Paul and Silas ; the jailer brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved? They replied, “Believe” in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved”- you and your household.***

In the middle of this suffering, they prayed and sang hymns of praise to God. A true believer’s joy is within, it is not conditioned by outward circumstances.

Praise can change situations, Paul and Silas actions reaffirm that God’s presence is beyond all boundaries and that the systems and institutions of this world do not limit God’s ability to save when we raise our voices in praise. When Christians respond to adversity with worship, the door is open for God to intervene. Praise lead to freedom for those who are praising and Salvation for others.

Our praise is a weapon, our shout is a weapon, our dance is a weapon. When we praise walls come down, when we shout walls come down.’

Verse 14 of Psalm 148 mentions that God has lift up a horn for His people.

Horn represents the following: strength, prosperity, dignity and preeminence

**Psalms 29:11 AMP**, "The Lord will give (unyielding and impenetrable) **strength** to His people, The Lord will bless His people with peace."

**3 John 1:2 AMP**, "Beloved, I pray that in every way you may succeed and **prosper** and be in good health (physically), just as (I know) your soul prospers (spiritually).

**1 Peter 2:17, AMP**, "Show respect for all people (treat them honorably), love the brotherhood (of believers), fear God, honor the king. (have **dignity**)

**Colossians 1:18, AMP**, "He is also the head (the life-source and leader) of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will occupy the first place (He will stand supreme and be preeminent) in everything. (Paul is telling us that in all things Christ is to have the **preeminence**).

Who does the horn represents?

Our Lord and savior Jesus Christ! **Luke 1:68-69 AMP**, "***Blessed (praised, glorified) be the Lord, the God of Israel, because He has visited us and brought redemption to His***

***people, and He has raised up a horn of salvation (a mighty and valiant Savior) for us in the house of David His servant.***

***Psalms 18:2 AMP, "The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and the One who rescues me; My God, my rock and strength in whom I trust and take refuge; My shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower-my stronghold."***

He is not only our Creator but our Redeemer. May the Lord teach our hearts to love him more and praise Him better.

We of all of God's creation, are the most blessed, we're created in His image and He sent us a Deliverer, our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. No matter how strong anything that comes against us seems to be, remember that our Horn of Salvation, Jesus Christ, is stronger!

Resources:

Bibles: AMP, TPT, NKJV and MSG

Full Life Study Bible – Creation

The Exalted Horn - BibleProject  
Vine's Expository Dictionary  
Hebrew Honey by Al Novak