

TITLE AND NUMBER: 113. Praise God!



REFERENCE AND KEY VERSE(S): Psalm 148:1-12

Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above. Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts. Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars. Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies. Let them praise the name of the Lord, for at his command they were created, and he established them for ever and ever—he issued a decree that will never pass away. Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding, you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds, kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth, young men and women, old men and children.

LOOKING FURTHER: Psalm 148:13-14; Psalm 100:4-5

What does this Bible passage tell us?

The Bible is compiled of 66 books and the book of Psalms is the hymnbook.

In this passage, the psalmist gives reasons for the things in heaven and on earth to praise God. The things in heaven are identified by name – angels, heavenly hosts, sun, moon, and stars. Things on earth are also named. When it comes to people, everyone is included.

The psalmist is emphasising that we should all praise God, even when things are not going the way we expect or we would like. God created the earth and everything in it and He is in ultimate control of everything that happens.

The word 'praise' means 'to express one's respect and gratitude.' The start of a new year is a good time to give thanks to God for being alive and also for the various things that make life worth living – love, hope, friends and family. It brings us to a place close to God.

Psalm 100:4-5 says, 'Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.'

Reflections:

- Reflect on things that have made you happy in 2022. Praise God for them.
- Have you tried listening to Daily Hope to help you praise God? You can find the free number on the other side of this sheet.
- What do you hope for in 2023? Talk to God about this.
- Remember, 'the Lord is good and his love endures forever.'

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



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Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

