



## Sermon Notes

Season of Healing  
August 13, 2023

### Psalm 148:1-13

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD.

*Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights above.*

<sup>2</sup> Praise him, all his angels;  
*praise him, all his heavenly hosts.*

<sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon;  
*praise him, all you shining stars.*

<sup>4</sup> Praise him, you highest heavens  
*and you waters above the skies.*

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
*for at his command they were created,*

<sup>6</sup> *and he established them for ever and ever—  
he issued a decree that will never pass away.*

<sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD from the earth,  
*you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,*

<sup>8</sup> *lightning and hail, snow and clouds,  
stormy winds that do his bidding,*

<sup>9</sup> *you mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars,*

<sup>10</sup> *wild animals and all cattle,  
small creatures and flying birds,*

<sup>11</sup> *kings of the earth and all nations,  
you princes and all rulers on earth,*

<sup>12</sup> *young men and women,  
old men and children.*

<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
*for his name alone is exalted;  
his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.*

***The Lord created all that has been created.***

### John 1:3

<sup>3</sup> *Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.*



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***True praise of the Lord means honoring Him through obedience.***

### **Isaiah 29:13**

<sup>13</sup> *The Lord says:*

*“These people come near to me with their mouth  
and honor me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me.*

### **Genesis 1:26-27**

<sup>26</sup> *Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”*

<sup>27</sup> *So God created mankind in his own image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.*

***Mankind was created in God’s image.***

***When God is obeyed, everything works best.***

***Mankind’s troubles are tied to a lack of reverence for God and obedience to His commands.***

### **Jeremiah 7:23**

<sup>23</sup> *but I gave them this command: Obey me, and I will be your God and you will be my people. Walk in obedience to all I command you, that it may go well with you.*

### **Deuteronomy 30:19**

<sup>19</sup> *This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live*

***If creation still obeys You, so will I.***



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***God will be praised and honored by His creation with or without us.***

### **Luke 19:36-40**

*<sup>36</sup> As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.*

*<sup>37</sup> When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:*

*<sup>38</sup> "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"*

*"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"*

*<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"*

*<sup>40</sup> "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."*

***If creation still obeys You, so will I.***

***I'm not going to let a stone out-praise me!***

### **HEALING MANIFESTO**

**Lord, I commit to the following:**

***I will be real with You. That means admitting I'm not OK at times.***

***I will resist the urge to self-manage.***

***I will cooperate with Your work through obedience.***

***I will stop speaking negativity.***

***I will submit to Your process of removing the indelible stain of my sin and brokenness.***

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