

(Topics and Lead-in Below)

# Psalm 148

TUNE: House of the Rising Sun

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Dm Dm A<sup>7</sup><sub>D</sub><sup>sus</sup> Dm D<sub>E</sub><sup>m</sup> D<sub>F</sub><sup>m</sup> G<sub>m</sub> G<sub>D</sub><sup>m</sup> G<sub>m</sub> Dm D<sub>E</sub><sup>m</sup> D<sub>F</sub><sup>m</sup>

1. Great be - ings there in high - er worlds And crea - tures  
 2. When all the span of earth - ly years Is but a  
 3. We'll shed these small and self - ish eyes. We'll know as  
 4. Now stars and moons and all be - low, O - bey His

C A<sup>sus</sup> A<sup>sus</sup><sub>E</sub> A A<sup>7</sup><sub>sus</sub> D<sub>m</sub> F<sub>A</sub> F<sub>G</sub> F

here be - low, Lift up the One who  
 dis - tant dream, As one we'll live a  
 we are known. Then grow - ing in His  
 might - y call. Rise up with all your

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reigns a - bove From whom all be - ing flows.  
 song of love With Him our on - ly theme.  
 ho - ly love, We'll blos - som round His throne.  
 pres - ent pow'rs And praise the Lord of all!

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RISING SUN  
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TOPICS: Eternal Life; Praise & Worship

LEAD-IN: *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 the name of the Lord. (Psalm 148:1-2, 5a, NIV)*

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

## Praise

The more I know God, the more I realize that my response to Him is cold and inadequate. He is the Sovereign God, the Creator who overflows our sprawling universe, the One who holds insignificant me in His hand and in His heart, who constantly lavishes on me His attention and His most tender love and care, the One who poured Himself out and groaned and bled and died for me. Yet my response to Him is so occasional, so shallow, so distracted, so half-hearted.

I don't necessarily want more emotion in my worship. I want to be more aware of God...to always be centered on Him...to have an open line of communication between us every moment...to trust Him simply and constantly. I want to spend less time longing for what I don't have and more time thanking and praising Him for all that He constantly gives me. I want a living praise, a continual response to His presence.

The Psalms prod me toward such praise:

*Praise the Lord, O my soul;  
all my inmost being, praise his holy name. (103:1, NIV)*

*I will praise the Lord all my life;  
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. (146:2, NIV)*

I have no hope that I can give Almighty God adequate worship. But His Spirit is faithfully drawing me to Him. The closer I live to Him, the more natural and heartfelt worship becomes. Read Isaiah 6 and Revelation 5. Those who stand before God's throne need no prodding to praise Him. How can they possibly do anything else?

That is my destiny. That is the destiny of all who trust Him. We will live in His immediate presence together, forever, responding to Who He is:

*Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!" (Revelation 5:13, NIV)*