

December 26, 2021 – First Sunday after Christmas

Grateful

[Psalm 148](#)

“Let them praise the name of the Lord, for at his command they were created, and he established them for ever and ever.” Psalm 148:5

We were all created by the same God. The same God who made the birds and the mighty elephants. The same God who made the winding rivers and the gigantic mountains. This same God made each and every one of us.

It feels like we should be a little grateful to Him. However, it gets even more amazing. That same God sent his son down to Earth, who came to us as the baby Jesus, who came to suffer and die for our mistakes.

That sacrifice opens up an incredible path to all believers. The path to everlasting life with Him in paradise. Now that seems like something all of creation should sing about.

In Psalm 148, creatures such as fish and cattle are told to give praise to the Lord. Lightning, hail, and snow are told to praise him. Mountains and hills -- even kings -- are told to give praise. The passage even says, “Let them praise the name of the Lord... his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.” (Psalm 148:13).

All things rejoice at all that God has done for them, how he has provided for and protected them. As his servants, it makes sense for us to be willing to do his will anywhere we can. That seems like an excellent way to show gratitude to God.

It will be hard at times to follow his will. However, he is eternal, and he has promised to be with us no matter what. So it seems a good and just thing to be grateful, and to sing of how grateful you are to the Lord.

***Prayer:** Lord, help to keep us faithful and virtuous. Remind us that you are forever, even in times of trial. Amen.*

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