

The Wonder of it All: All Creation Sings

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Have you ever noticed that the Bible not only calls people to praise the Lord, but even animals and inanimate objects as well? In fact, there are over a dozen references to different parts of God's creation giving Him praise.

There are the heavens, earth, mountains, valleys, hills and forest singing. *"The pastures are clothed with flocks; The valleys also are covered with grain; They shout for joy, they also sing."* Ps 65:13, (see also Is 44:23, 49:13, 55:12, 66:1, 98:4)

Mount Zion, other hills, heaven, earth, trees and even morning and evening rejoice. *"Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;"* Ps 96:11 (also Ps 48:11, 65:8,12, , 97:1, 96:12, 98:4)

There is also joyfulness and joyful shouting by the earth, hills, valleys and fields. (Is 49:13, Ps 65:13, 66:1, 96:11, 98:4,8)

There are also the islands being glad (Ps 97:1), mountains, hills and cedars skipping (Ps 29:5, 114: 4), even trees and rivers clapping their hands! (Ps 98:8, Is 55:12)

When it comes to animals we see that lions and sea creatures, including Leviathan seek their food from the Lord. (Ps 104: 21-27) Also the beasts of the field (including dragons! (KJV)) will honor Him (Is 43:20)

Of course we also have our Lord Jesus saying

"I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out." (Lk 19:40)

This is more than just simple allegory or anthropomorphizing, for there are several instances where an inanimate object is told to praise the Lord, immediately followed by instructing people to praise Him. For instance,

"Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him." and Ps 48:11 *"Let Mount Zion rejoice, Let the daughters of Judah be glad"*. Ps 33:8

The crowning passage is Psalm 148 where the psalmist goes through all creation, instructing each part to Praise the Lord. It is divided into two sections; the first part instructing the heav-

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enly creations to praise him. The sun, moon, stars, "heavens of heavens", and "waters above the heavens" are all instructed to praise

Him along with the angels and hosts of heaven. Then the second section instructs his earthly creations including the creatures of the sea, beasts, creeping things, birds, trees, mountains, even fire, hail, snow and wind are all told to praise the Lord along with mankind.

"Let them praise the name of the LORD, For His name alone is exalted; His glory is above the earth and heaven." (v.13)

**ALL YOUR WORKS SHALL PRAISE
YOU, O LORD, AND YOUR SAINTS
SHALL BLESS YOU. (Ps 145:10)**

While many of these verses speak of the

future restoration of creation, and all creation currently groans (Romans 8:22), creation certainly still knows and praises its creator.

If all creation is instructed to praise the Lord, surely our response should be to whole heartedly join in that praise.

"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD." (Ps 150:6)

**SING, O HEAVENS!
BE JOYFUL, O EARTH!
AND BREAK OUT IN SINGING, O MOUNTAINS!
FOR THE LORD HAS COMFORTED HIS
PEOPLE, (IS 49:13)**