

The Place of Praise

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Psalm 148:1-14

What place does praise take in our worship? A significant portion of the Book of Psalms is the *Hallel*, the psalms of praise. The final collection (Psalms 146-150) begins and ends each psalm on the same note, "Praise the LORD," in the Hebrew "*Hallelujah!*" These psalms were written to call God's people into worship. Praise has a way of orienting our worship in the proper direction. When we lead with praise our prayers are infused with expectancy. We will give joyfully. Our preaching has a greater immediacy. And, we experience a deeper urgency to know and do God's will.

"Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens" (Psalm 148:13).

God is certainly worthy of our praise (Psalm 145:3). Yet, God doesn't need our praise. He needs nothing. He does, however, receive our praise, because He knows it is best for us. Begin praising God and our worship will suddenly come right side up.

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