

*Finding Yourself in the Psalms*  
*Psalm 148*  
*A Psalm of Awe and Worship*

Do you scientifically describe a sunset?  
Do you analyze the crashing of the waves on a deserted beach?  
Do you calculate the voltage contained in a flash of lightning?  
Do you recall your 9<sup>th</sup> grade science lesson on the photo spectrum when you see a rainbow?

No, you watch in AWE.

Psalm 148 is a Psalm of Awe and worship  
There IS structure, but it's beauty lies in the words, thoughts and flow of the Psalm.

Sometimes, we focus on the details and structure so much that we forget the beauty of the Word of God.

Interesting character on "Star Trek." Futuristic show included "Spock" and "Data."  
Precise. Analytical. Informed. But their lack of emotion was pitied.

**READ Psalm 148**

To be in awe we need TIME.  
MEDITATION on the Word of God is like **watching a sunset.**

The Structure of Psalm 148

- I. Praise Comes from the Heavens. 1-6
  - A. The SINGERS 1-4
    1. Three PAIRS
      - a. Heavens/ heights (1)
      - b. Angels/ heavenly hosts (2)
      - c. Sun/moon (3)
    2. Three SINGLES
      - a. Shining stars (3) note: KJV, NAS read "praise you stars of light"
      - b. highest heavens (4)
      - c. Waters above the skies (4)
  - B. The SONG 5-6
    1. God is the BEGINNING. (5)
      - a. He commanded and they were created
      - b. He orchestrated the entire creation
    2. God is the END (6)

- a. He sustains all things
  - (1) Col 1:17 "He is before all things, and in him all things hold together"
  - (2) (Hebrews 1:3) *"The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven."*
  - (3) Follows the same argument as Job 38
    - (a) God is CREATOR. Job 38:1-18
    - (b) God is SUSTAINED Job 38:19-41

## II. Praise from the EARTH. 148:7-14

### A. The INVITATION. 7-12

- 1. 6 Pairs of non-living things (7-9)
  - a. Great sea creatures/ ocean depths
  - b. Lightning/ hail
  - c. Snow/ clouds
  - d. Stormy winds/ do his bidding
  - e. Mountains/ hills
  - f. Fruit trees/ cedars
- 2. 6 Pairs of **living things** (10-12)
  - a. Wild animals/ cattle (tame and un-tame)
  - b. Small creatures/ flying birds
  - c. Kings/ nations
  - d. Princes rulers
  - e. Young men/ maidens
  - f. Old men/ children

### B. The CELEBRATION. 13-14

- 1. In awe because of his MAJESTY (13)
- 2. In awe because of his LOVE for his PEOPLE (14)

## III. How Do non-living things Praise the Lord?

### A. They were created for praise!

- 1. (Revelation 4:11) *"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."*
- 2. (Isaiah 43:7) *"everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."*
- 3. Psa 19:1

### B. This Psalm looks forward to the day when EVERYONE that God has created will praise Him.

- 1. (Revelation 5:13) *"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!"*"

2. (Philippians 2:10-11) *"that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."*
3. (Revelation 11:15) *"The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever.""*