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God's Purpose Prevails July 26, 2026

Summary

In this message, Kyle reminds us that Psalm 148 calls all of creation—from the stars in the sky to every person on earth—to praise the Lord. We praise God because He created us, continues to sustain us, His name is above every other name and through Jesus, the true King, He is bringing salvation and restoring all things. Although our world is still marked by sin, suffering and brokenness, God has not abandoned His creation. Romans 8 reminds us that all creation is waiting for the day when Jesus will make everything new, and Revelation 22 gives us a picture of that future where the curse is gone, God dwells with His people and all things are made right. As we enjoy the beauty of creation today, we are reminded to praise God with hope, knowing that His purpose will one day be fully completed.

Scripture

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 him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise him, you highest heavens
and you waters above the skies.

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for at his command they were created,
and he established them for ever and ever—
he issued a decree that will never pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,
lightning and hail, snow and clouds,
stormy winds that do his bidding,

you mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars,

wild animals and all cattle,
small creatures and flying birds,

kings of the earth and all nations,
you princes and all rulers on earth,

young men and women,
old men and children.

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;

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his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.
And he has raised up for his people a horn,
the praise of all his faithful servants,
of Israel, the people close to his heart.
Praise the Lord. Psalm 148 (NIV)

For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. Romans 8:19-25

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever. Revelation 22:1-5 (NIV)

Let's Start

Have you ever had a memorable wildlife encounter—funny, exciting or maybe a little scary?

Gratitude and Prayer

How has God been at work in your life since we last met?

Let's Talk

1. Psalm 148 calls everything in creation to praise the Lord. What are some ways that creation points you to God or inspires you to worship Him?
2. Kyle said we praise God because He created us and continues to sustain us. How does remembering those truths affect your perspective during ordinary or difficult days?
3. Where do you see both the beauty of God's creation and the brokenness of our fallen world at the same time?
4. Romans 8 says that creation is "groaning" as it waits for restoration. How have you experienced that longing for God to make things right in your own life?

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5. The picture of the new creation in Revelation 22 is filled with hope. What part of that description stands out to you the most, and why?

6. The sermon reminds us that our future is not escaping creation but living in God's restored creation with Him forever. How does that change the way you think about heaven and your life today?

7. The Hebrew word *hallelujah* means “Praise the Lord” and is an invitation for others to praise Him as well. Who in your life could be encouraged by your example or words to praise God this week?

Let's Act

What is one practical way you can **worship God fully** this week as you enjoy His creation, serve others or trust Him in the middle of life's challenges?

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