

PRAISE

Psalm 148

(1-6) 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.

(7-12) **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.

(13-14) Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; 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.

PRAYER

Father, You are worthy of praise for who You are. You are...

Constant Companion Compassionate Savior Creative Creator Defender Designer Ever-Present Helper Faithful Friend **Generous Provider Gracious Healer** Loving Father Mighty God Patient Listener Protector Prince of Peace Reconciler Redeemer Refuge Rescuer Restorer Shelter Shepherd Shield Sovereign Wonderful Counselor Ruler Strong Tower Worthy of Praise

We thank you for what you've done. You've given...

Acceptance, Adoption, Breath, Comfort, Community, Compassion, Family, Forgiveness, Freedom, Friendship, Health, Healing, Hope, Joy, Grace, Life, Love, Mercy, Peace, Protection, Provision, Purpose, Redemption, Restoration, Salvation

A FEW QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- **1. HIGHLIGHT / GRATITUDE** What's been a highlight (something you're grateful for) this Christmas season?
- 2. VERSE / QUOTE Is there a scripture verse you'd be willing to share that has been an encouragement to you recently (or at some point this past year)?
- **3. EXPERIENCE OF GOD** What are one or two experiences that stand out from 2025 of God's faithfulness?
- **4. SUMMARIZING 2025** If you had to summarize 2025 with a word or a phrase, what would it be?
- 5. HOPEFUL FOR 2026 What are you looking forward to (hopeful for) this next year?
- **6. BLESSED BY CHURCH** How have you been blessed by Good News Church GA?

SONG LYRICS BELOW INCLUDE:

- 1. Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise
- 2. Praise to the Lord, The Almighty
- 3. Beautiful Savior
- 4. Great is Thy Faithfulness

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE GOD ONLY WISE

by Walter Smith (1867)

"Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen." - 1 Timothy 1:17

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

a German hymn published in 1680 (from Psalm 103, Psalm 150)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation
All you who hear, now to His temple draw near
Praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord,
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth
Hast thou not seen how thy desires have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

To all life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all praise we would render, O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Praise to the Lord,
who doth prosper they work
and defend thee:
Surely His goodness and mercy
here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before Him
Let the Amen
sound from His people again
Gladly forever adore Him

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

by Joseph Seiss (1873)

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flowers of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

by Thomas Chisolm (1923)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father; There is no shadow of turning with thee. Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;

As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness,
Great is thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hast provided;
Great is thy faithfulness,
Lord unto me.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is thy faithfulness,
Great is thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hast provided;
Great is thy faithfulness,
Lord unto me.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine and ten thousand beside.

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Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hast provided;
Great is thy faithfulness,
Lord unto me.