



The Center

Lesson 5 • Psalm 148

The HALLELUJAH DOXOLOGY: <i>Called to Praise the LORD!</i>				
<i>The CHOICE</i>	<i>The CAUSES</i>	<i>The CENTER</i>	<i>The CELEBRATION</i>	<i>The CONSUMMATION</i>
Psalm 146	Psalm 147	Psalm 148	Psalm 149	Psalm 150

Psalm 148 reveals the **CENTER** of every "Hallelujah" in heaven above and earth below!

- Psalm 148 is the **center** of the **DOXOLOGICAL** Hallel. (Chiasm of Psalm 146–150)

Ps 146 **The CHOICE**
 Ps 147 **The CAUSES**
 Ps 148 **The CENTER**
 Ps 149 **The CELEBRATION**
 Ps 150 **The CONSUMMATION**

- Praising ("psalming") the **NAME** of Yahweh is the **center** of the created universe.

"HALLELUJAH!" [Praise Yahweh!]

COMMANDS to Praise (v. 1b-4) *Praise Yahweh (7x) from the highest heavens above!*

CENTER of Praise (v. 5a) **Let them praise the NAME of Yahweh!**

CAUSES for Praise (vv. 5b-6) *3 causes are listed.*

COMMAND to Praise (vv. 7-12) *Praise Yahweh (1x) from the lowest earth below!*

CENTER of Praise (v. 13a) **Let them praise the NAME of Yahweh!**

CAUSES for Praise (vv. 13b-14a) *3 causes are listed.*

CENTER CAUSE for Praise (v. 14b) *Praise is the **HORN** that Yahweh raises up for His people!*

"HALLELUJAH!" [Praise Yahweh!]

Praise the Center of All Praise!

1. The Command to All the **HEAVENLY** Hosts Above. (1-4)

"Hallelujah! [Praise Yahweh!]"

Why from the Heavens?

- Praise rightly **BEGINS** where Yahweh's throne rules over the "heavens of heavens" (v. 4)!

Why a Seven-Fold Command to Praise Yahweh?

- Announces that **PERFECTION** has come and there's an even greater cause for heavenly hallelujahs!

Who Is Commanded to Shout Such Heavenly Hallelujahs?

- The **ANGELIC** hosts in the heavens and the **STARRY** hosts in space. (vv. 2-3; Job 38:7; Ps 19:1-6)
- **EVERYTHING** in the "heavens of heavens." (v. 4)

What Is the Center of Their Heavenly Hallelujahs?

Let them praise the fame of His **NAME** of the LORD! (v. 5a)

What Are the Causes for Their Heavenly Hallelujahs?

- The Fame of Yahweh's Name Is Seen in... (vv. 5-6)
 1. His ***spoken command*** to create **OUT OF NOTHING** all of creation.
 2. His ***royal decree*** to establish **ORDER** in all of creation.
 3. His ***ultimate purpose*** for the **DESIGN** of all of creation.
- Selah: *Meditate on These Realities*
 1. Yahweh's ***effectual WORD*** does what He wills.
 2. Yahweh's ***eternal RULE*** as the King over all the universe.
 3. Yahweh's ***sovereign ABILITY*** to guarantee His creation will fulfill His creation purposes in spite of the Fall.

2. The Command to All the EARTHLY Hosts Below. (vv. 7-14)

Why from the Earth?

- The earth is the **CENTER** of all His creation purposes! (v. 7a)

Why a Single Command to Praise Yahweh?

- The earth is also **CREATED** by the same royal command as all the heavens. (vv. 5-6)

Who Is Commanded to Shout Such Earthly Hallelujahs?

- Fourteen kinds of earthly created things in eight groups with four general categories. (v. 7b-10)

Even the *wind-driven tempest* **OBEYS** His command, does His bidding,
and fulfills His royal purposes!

- Every image bearer as the **CROWN** of creation in four groups. (vv. 11-12)

What Is the Center of Their Earthly Hallelujahs?

Let them praise the fame of His **NAME** of the LORD! (v. 13a)

What Are the Causes for Their Earthly Hallelujahs?

- The Fame of His Name Is Seen in... (vv. 13b-14)
 1. His *holy name* **ALONE** is exalted beyond anyone's reach!
 2. His *regal splendor* is **ABOVE** earth and heaven.
 3. His *raising up* of the mighty **HORN = KING** for His covenant people.
- Selah: *Meditate on These Realities*
 1. The praise of heaven and earth are connected but what happens *on earth* **TRIGGERS** praise *in heaven* in the end.
 2. The fame of Yahweh's name is second to none because He **RULES** high above both heaven and earth.
 3. The mighty king who Yahweh "*raises up*" is a **DIVINE-HUMAN** victorious King. *Psalms 2:5-9; Philippians 2:5-11*
 4. The people who benefit from this victory are Yahweh's **LOYAL LOVERS** who are near and dear to Him.

Jesus the Risen King Is the Ultimate Center & Ultimate Cause for All Earthly & Heavenly Hallelujahs!

[Read Revelation 4– 5 to see what this will look like in heaven when His kingdom comes and His will is done on earth as it is in heaven!]

Jesus the Risen King Wants to Be the Center of Your Life Today!

Become His Loyal Lover Who Is Dear to Him and Draws Near to Him in Daily & Weekly Praise with His People!

BAM! Let Us Praise the Fame of His Name!

"Hallelujah! Praise Yahweh!"