All Creation Praises God

*“Man’s chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever”* (The Westminster Shorter Catechism, answer to question 1).

**1. The angels praise God** (Psalm 148:1-2)

 A. For creation of the *world*

Job 38:3-7

B. For God’s righteous *judgment*

Revelation 19:1-4

C. For God’s redeeming *His people*

Revelation 5:9-10

D. They praise the *Father & Son* together

Revelation 5:11-14

**2. The lower creation praises God** (Psalm 148:3-10)

A. For their *creation* (v. 5)

B. For God’s *care*

Isaiah 43:20

C. For God’s righteous *judgment*

Psalm 96:11-13

D. For God’s redeeming *His people*

Isaiah 44:23

**3. Human beings should praise God** (Psalm 148:11-14)

A. Because of His infinite *glory* (v. 13)

B. Because of His excellent *grace* (v. 14)

**For Private Meditation or Family Discussion**

1. How did the Lord speak to you through the message? Did He put His finger on any habits or attitudes that you need to change? Did He encourage you regarding some difficulty, move you to undertake some new challenge, or open your heart to some truth you hadn’t seen before?

2. Why did God create the world and all things in it?

God created all things to express His intrinsic, eternal glory in a world outside of Himself (Romans 11:33-36).

The highest expression of His glory is His self-sacrificing love that turns sinners into holy sons and daughters (Ephesians 1:3-14; 2:1-10).

Ultimately, therefore, God created the world because He wanted express His the glory of His love by saving sinners and making them like His Son. Everything God created and all the events of history are directed toward and subservient to this one end.

3. Some other passages that refer to creation praising God

Psalm 19:1-2

Psalm 98:7-9

Isaiah 49:13

Isaiah 55:12

4. For what is the whole creation waiting (Romans 8:18-25)?

5. How does God care for all His works (Psalm 104)?