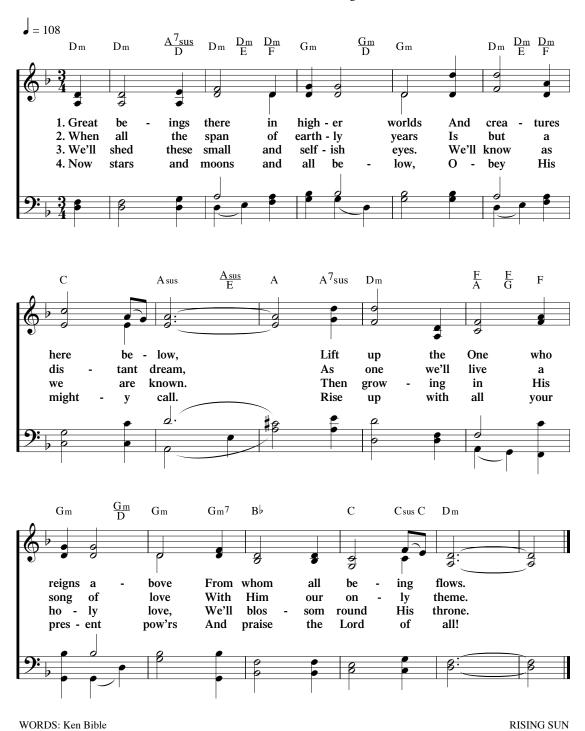
Psalm 148

TUNE: House of the Rising Sun



Alt. Tunes: CORONATION, MAITLAND, ST. ANNE, AMAZING GRACE, AZMON

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TOPICS: Eternal Life; Praise & Worship

LEAD-IN: Praise the Lord from the heavens...

Praise the Lord from the earth...

Let them praise the name of the Lord,

For His name alone is exalted.

His glory is above earth and heaven.

(Psalm 148:1, 7, 13, NASB)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

Reflection on Psalm 148

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When we praise God,
we become part of something
       greater,
       higher,
       deeper,
       richer.
We join our heart and voice
with all reality
to praise and thank the One who gave us
       existence,
       life,
       purpose, and
       nobility.
All that is highest
       in all creation
praises Him –
       angels,
       sun.
       moon and
       stars, and
       worlds beyond worlds.
All that is earthly praises Him,
       all creatures
               great and small,
       water, wind, and fire,
       mountains and hills,
       plains and valleys,
       trees and all plant life, and
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a universe of microscopic wonders.

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What is more,
with all these we stand on tip-toe,
       eagerly awaiting the
       full revelation of Jesus Christ.
For when He is revealed
       for all He is,
we and all creation
will be freed from
       the corruption brought on us by
       sin and death,
freed forever into all the
       glory and
       purity of
Jesus Christ (Romans 8:18-23).
With all creation,
       all reality,
lift your heart and voice
       to praise the God who gives us being.
And with them,
cry out in prayer together:
       "COME, LORD JESUS!"
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