

## Psalm 148 and Chorus Directing 12-29-19 PM

Psalm 148 is one of the most popular Psalms to have been turned into a song. Several songs, in fact. The nature of the songs are a symphony of the many things that praise God. Some see the Psalm of a choir director who is calling the heavens to praise God, calling the earth to praise God, and leading things to praise God. In total, there are 30 things that praise God. It seems that his point is that since all things are under His authority, all things should praise Him. Kings, princes and judges are under His authority (Romans 13). All of the stars, moon, sun, and the earth are subject to His laws (Genesis 1). Consider the words of the Apostles in Luke 8:35 when they found out that the winds obeyed the voice of Jesus.

Consider for a moment the work of directing a chorus. The director is working to bringing voices together, in concerted effort (concert), a symphony (like voices) and a harmony of effort. The director brings in each part at its appropriate time. This director brings in the powers of the earth, each in its place, to make a concert of symphony in the authorities of all things.

Now let us take this a different direction. In 2 Peter 2:5-12 is a marvelous passage on growing ourselves by taking attributes of spiritual growth, adding one to another, and coming out with a security of your salvation. Consider the terms used here. "*Add to your faith.....*" The verb rendered '**add**' (Gk. *Epichoregeo*) (NT:2023) is derived from the Greek word *choros* (NT:5525), a "chorus," such as was employed in the representation of the Greek tragedies. The verb originally means "to bear the expense of a chorus, "which was done by a person selected by the state, who was obliged to defray all the expenses of training and maintenance. ...." (Vincent's Word Studies). The total word is like our word "choreograph", which is to put together the concerted effort of a group of instruments or people into a symphony. The Christian is the music director who directs the input of these attributes.

Psalm 148 is a chorus of praise to God by the concerted symphony of all things that are subject to God. 2 Peter 1:5-11 is the chorus of praise to God by the concerted effort of the individual Christian who works the attributes of spiritual growth. In total, it is the beautiful sound of a godly life!