

הללו את ה'

HASHEM AND HIS MAJESTY



וַיַּעֲמִידֵם לְעַד לְעוֹלָם, חֵק נָתַן וְלֹא יִעָבֹר. הִלְלוּ אֶת ה' מִן הָאָרֶץ, מִנִּינִים וְכָל תְּהוֹמוֹת. אֵשׁ וְכֶבֶד שֶׁלֹּג וְקִיטוֹר, רֶחַח סַעֲרָה עֲשֵׂה דְבָרוֹ ... וְהִלְלוּ אֶת שֵׁם ה', כִּי נִשְׁגָּב שְׁמוֹ לְכָבֹד ...

And He established them forever and ever, He issued a decree that will not change. *Praise Hashem from the earth, sea giants and all watery depths.* Fire and hail, snow and vapor, stormy wind fulfilling His word...Let them praise the Name of Hashem, for His Name alone will have been exalted....

❖ Reason to Praise

By meditating on the grandeur of creation, we come to feel humility before Hashem.

Theme

❖ Creation Praises Hashem

Did you ever wonder how one can more easily come to love G-d? These words of *Pesukei D'Zimrah* provides an answer. When we recite תְּהוֹמוֹת וְכָל הָאָרֶץ, מִנִּינִים וְכָל תְּהוֹמוֹת ... "Praise Hashem from the earth, sea giants and all watery depths ..."¹ — we are lauding Him for His mightiness which is apparent in the fire, hail, and other creations that can be seen below the sky, because their power is always visible to both the great and the small.

Rambam² advises us: "When a person meditates on these matters and recognizes all the creations, the angels, the spheres, man, etc. and appreciates the wisdom of Hashem in all these creations, he will add to his love for G-d. His soul will thirst and his flesh will long with love for G-d. He will stand in awe and fear when he compares himself to one of the great and holy bodies."

Insight

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4 Cheshvan

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