

God's Beautiful Creation (December 30, 2020 – Upper Room)

Read: Psalm 134:1-3

A song of ascents.

¹ Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD
who minister by night in the house of the LORD.

² Lift up your hands in the sanctuary
and praise the LORD.

³ May the LORD bless you from Zion,
he who is the Maker of heaven and earth.

Read the December 30 installment in the Upper Room Lesson background: based on the above scripture

- The Levites were servants of the Lord by office, appointed to minister in holy things; they attended to the sanctuary, and kept the charge of the house of the Lord
- The Levites made sure the lamps stayed lit and that the sanctuary stayed safe.
- Psalm 134 was prepared for the priests who served the sacred place by night. They were in danger of slumbering; and they were in danger of idle reverie.
- The Psalmist urges the priests to sustain the praises of God's house; let there be praise in Zion--still praise by night as well as by day!

Daily application from this lesson:

- When God *blesses us it means that he does good things to us.
- When we *bless God", as in this psalm, we say good things to God.
- We should always be blessing God throughout our day

Reflection:

1. Describe a time when you did something you were not accustomed to or did not want to do but that ended up finding great joy in?
2. What activities help you to fully enjoy and appreciate the beauty of God's creation?
3. When and where do you most often find peace and rest?
4. What does the beauty and wonder of God's creation teach you about God, yourself, and the world?

Thought for the week:

**I will bless God with my
praises for all His
creation**