

Day 31 Devotion

Praise the Lord!

*Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!*

*Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!*

*Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!
Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!*

*Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for he commanded and they were created.
He established them forever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.*

Psalm 148: 1-6

In the calendar for commemorations, March 19th is dedicated to Joachim of Fiore, a 12th century Italian theologian and monastic. He believed that history was divided into three ages mirroring the Trinity, and that during his lifetime humanity would enter into the third age, ushering in a contemplative utopia. It was during this time that all of scripture would be understood in its deepest meaning and there would be a new dispensation of universal love.

While this did not come to pass and was widely discredited by the councils and authorities of the day, it is tempting to feel much like Joachim in our own time: that we are on the cusp of a transition into some new age that will (hopefully) usher in a period of innovation, equity, and love; a time of birth, growth, and *maybe* even resurrection. We hope for this, but it will not come into being through passivity. Our Creator has fixed the bounds, established them forever, and through the power of the Holy Spirit encourages and emboldens us to do the work of bringing about the blessed community that God desires.

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*Holy God, who created everything: From the firmament of the heavens
to each strand of hair on our heads. Reveal to us a new understanding of
Your Word and will for us. Grant us Peace and a desire to seek you
In the face of all who we meet. In the precious name of your child, Jesus Christ.*

Amen.

RESOURCE: [Brandon Heath - Give Me Your Eyes \(Official Music Video\) - YouTube](#)