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Our Majestic God

Psalm 8 is a grand and beautiful Psalm. It's not difficult to spot the theme. King David gives it to us twice, in the opening and closing verses.

“LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!”

This brief Psalm covers a great deal of territory as it touches on earth, the heavens, infants and toddlers, God's enemies, the nature and role of people, and animals.

When King David said God's name is majestic he was not saying God's name has a striking or noble ring to it, but that in all that God is and does He towers over everyone and everything. His greatness of character and actions are powerfully and impressively visible throughout all the earth—everywhere we go, everywhere we look.

In light of this David asked God,

“What is man that You think of him, and a son of man that You are concerned about him” (verse 4).

Yes, God thinks of and cares for us, for you. We are so small and passing in our time on earth in comparison to the heavens, yet God keeps us in His mind. He seeks us out and takes care of us.

David then recalls that God made us in His image, crowned us with glory and majesty, and gave us the responsibility of ruling over the earth for Him (verses 5-8). This is an evidence of His great care for us.

How should we respond to God in light of His great majesty? To borrow from Francis Schaeffer, “How should we then live?” In verse 2 David writes of infants and nursing babies praising God—made clear in Jesus' quoting the Greek text of this that was used when He was on earth.



“From the mouths of infants and nursing babies You [God] have prepared praise for Yourself” (Matthew 21:16).

God prepares people with the purpose and ability to praise Him. Our ready and constant response to God’s greatness should be to praise Him.

How have you been doing in praising God?

Our celebration of Christmas has come and now is behind us as we are in the first week of 2024. Whatever your experience of the holiday season was like, you might find yourself a bit flat, or even struggling. Look up, look at God, look to God, and praise Him! Join with King David who opened Psalm 145 with a shout of praise.

“I will exalt You, my God, the King, and I will bless Your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You, and I will praise Your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable.”

A resounding, reverberating call to praise closes the book of Psalms.

Praise the LORD!

Praise God in His sanctuary;

Praise Him in His mighty expanse.

Praise Him for His mighty deeds;

Praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

Praise Him with trumpet sound;

Praise Him with harp and lyre.

Praise Him with tambourine and dancing;

Praise Him with stringed instruments and flute.

Praise Him with loud cymbals;

Praise Him with resounding cymbals.

Everything that has breath shall praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD!

Yes, “Bless the LORD, my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name: (Psalm 103:1).

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