

PSALM 8 – The Glory of the LORD in Creation! How Majestic Is Your Name!

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Blessed be the Lord God Almighty – Robert Fitts; Maranatha Singers

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PSALM 8 – Overview – A Psalm of Pure Praise!

Historical Setting - Here we have youthful David praising the Lord for the great victory that He gave. “What is man that You are mindful of him?” Why would God pay any attention to a shepherd boy? What a wonderful type of Jesus Christ we see in David: (1) both were born at Bethlehem; (2) both were shepherds; (3) both were rejected temporarily by their brethren; (4) both faced an enemy in the wilderness and won; (5) both were exiles before being made kings; (6) both took a bride while in exile; and (7) both were beloved — for the name David means “beloved.” **Doctrinal Meaning** - Any time a psalm is quoted in the NT and applied to Christ, this makes it a messianic psalm. Psa 8:1-9 is applied to Christ in several places in the NT: Mat 21:16; Heb 2:6-8; 1Co 15:27; and Eph 1:22. Read these references carefully, especially Heb 2:1-18. **Practical Living - Praise** - If David had reason to praise God for his position and his victory, how much more should we praise Him. Who are we that God should visit us? Who are we that Christ should die for us and lift us with Him above the heavens? **Position** - This psalm exalts the dignity of man. Psa 8:5 should read, “You have made him a little lower than God.” Man is certainly the greatest of God’s creations, for man is made “in the image of God.” **Power** - Christ has given us dominion; this means that we reign as kings. We can reign in life through Christ (Rom 5:17), getting victory over sin and temptation. We reign in death (1Co 15:54-57), for death no more has dominion over us. We shall reign in His kingdom here on earth, our place of service to be determined according to our life and faithfulness here today (Mat 25:14-30; Luk 19:12-27). Finally, we shall reign with Him forever and ever. **Promise** - This psalm makes it clear that God is concerned with creation, and the interpretation in Heb 2:6-9 indicates that Christ will one day deliver creation from the bondage of sin. The fact that Jesus Christ is today on the throne is proof that one day all creation will be redeemed. What a glorious promise!

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Psa 8:1 To the Chief Musician. On the Instrument of Gath. A Psalm of David. O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens!

- **Excellent** -'addīyr, ad-deer' - wide or (generally) large; figuratively powerful: - excellent, famous, gallant, glorious, goodly, lordly, mighty (-ier, one), noble, principal, worthy.
- **How excellent is Your name** – In the Hebrew culture a name, not only meant identification, but also the character and nature of who that person is. **Excellent** is the word given to Him!
- **Jesus spoke** – “*whatever you ask in My name*”! Not a promise to just say the word, “name” but is saying ask anything consistent with My nature, with My priorities!

Psa 8:2 Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, Because of Your enemies, That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.

- Three Things being given to us regarding the excellence of His name. The first is how He can use even someone in their youth to **silence the enemy and the avenger**!
- If the most intelligent, well educated, gifted atheist communicator, given an hour to address a crowd would be not capture the crowd like a few minutes of a children’s choir singing, “Jesus love me, this I know”! Even the hardest heart would be drawn to a child’s simplicity and beauty of their praise, love and faith in Jesus!
- Jesus, knowing the Pharisees were being convicted, referred to this verse on His triumphal entry into Jerusalem - Mat 21:16 and said to Him, “Do You hear what these are saying?” And Jesus said to them, “Yes. Have you never read, ‘OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES AND NURSING INFANTS YOU HAVE PERFECTED PRAISE?’”
- Jesus used the beautiful example of childlike faith, not adult faith - Luk 9:48 and said to them, “Whoever receives this little child in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. For he who is least among you all will be great.”

Psa 8:3 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,

- The second thing in regard to the excellence of God’s name and strength is that of Creation. - *The beauty of the moon and the stars!* It’s such a great “outdoors” Psalm. You just look at it, in wonder and amazement! We spend so little time, just stopping and looking at it – 100 billion galaxies and 100 billion stars per galaxy!

Psa 8:4 What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?

- God's excellence in dealing with man! In looking at the sky and realizing how big our God is, just to think of how He considers man, little tiny me!! David thinks of that!
- He not only knows me, He visits me constantly! **Psa 139:17-18** *How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! [18] If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You.*

Psa 8:5-8 For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor.

[6] You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, [7] All sheep and oxen—Even the beasts of the field, [8] The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea That pass through the paths of the seas.

- David marvels as what God has entrusted to man – his oversight over the world! He gave man dominion - **Gen 1:26, 28** *Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; **let them have dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." [28] Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "**Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."*
- David marvels at the fact that God, You have given us stewardship over the earth! You have given it to us!
- How much more would David and us be with Jesus' statement, Jesus even giving the trusting in everlasting life to us? **Mat 28:18-19** *And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. [19] Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*

Psa 8:9 O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth!

- Closing with the same thought as it began! As great as this Psalm is, what psalm would David have written of His excellence, if **he would have written it at the foot of the cross**? If had known the excellence of God demonstrated in the cross and in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ? That God has found a way to be absolutely just and still be just and the Justifier of sinful man!

SUMMARY:

- David did **the greatest job in this Psalm , according to his revelation. How much greater is our revelation?** God is excellent and we praise Him today for His excellence in all the earth!

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Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul, Worship His Holy name. Sing like never before, Oh my soul. I'll worship Your Holy name. The sun comes up. It's a new day dawning. It's time to sing Your song again. Whatever may pass And whatever lies before me, Let me be singing When the evening comes.

Refrain: Bless the Lord oh my soul Oh my soul, Worship His Holy name. Sing like never before, Oh my soul. I'll worship Your Holy name

You're rich in love And You're slow to anger. Your name is great And Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, Ten thousand reasons For my heart to find (Refrain)

And on that day, When my strength is failing, The end draws near And my time has come. Still my soul will Sing Your praise unending, Ten thousand years And then forevermore. Forevermore - Refrain (2X)

I'll worship Your Holy name Jesus I will worship Your Holy name, Sing like never before Oh my soul I'll worship your holy name

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