

Psalm 8 (ASV)

Jehovah's glory and man's dignity.

For the Chief Musician; set to the Gittith. A Psalm of David.

¹ O Jehovah, our Lord, How excellent is thy name in all the earth,
Who hast set thy glory upon the heavens!

² Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou established strength,
Because of thine adversaries,
That thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

³ When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers,
The moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

⁴ What is man, that thou art mindful of him?
And the son of man, that thou visitest him?

⁵ For thou hast made him but little lower than God,
And crownest him with glory and honor.

⁶ Thou makest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands;
Thou hast put all things under his feet:

⁷ All sheep and oxen,
Yea, and the beasts of the field,

⁸ The birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
Whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

⁹ O Jehovah, our Lord,
How excellent is thy name in all the earth!

Study the Psalm and fill in the categories as Scripture reveals.

God is:

God will/has:

I will/do:

Unbelievers will: (implied)

Prayer

Jehovah, Creator of all,
It is You, O God, who has made the whole world. You made us in Your image and though you are the strongest and mightiest of all that is or ever will be, you care for man who You made just a little lower than Yourself. Thank You for all you provided for us; help us care for all of it properly and give You glory. *How excellent is thy name in all the earth!* Amen.

Link for additional information about the name of God

Name of God

Reflection

Don't you love it when a scripture underscores or confirms another scripture of the Bible? Read the Scripture below. How does it relate to verses 4-8 in Psalm 8?

Genesis 1:26-28 (ASV) *And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. And God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them: and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*

Why do you think that David started and ended the Psalm with nearly the exact words?

Why do you think nonbelievers don't recognize God as our creator and that of the universe?

Response

I warn you that this response may seem to be going down a rabbit trail, but I want to share how the Lord spoke to me, so this is it.

I love how David begins and ends Psalm 8 with "Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" The Webster's Dictionary 1828 equates *majestic* to "stately, grand, and elevated." David recognizes God's glory, grandness, and greatness, and then mentions the weakest of us, children and infants, whose praise of the Lord builds a "stronghold" against His foes. I am nudged—Am I praising Him? Enough? Have I let my work for Him get in the way of my constant praise for Him?

David reminds us that our God is the Creator of the world and yet cares for us. I am as baffled as David was that He would give us the time of day, and yet He does. Whenever we call Him, He's there for us.

He gave us dominion over His creation, and I am reminded that everything is His. He made us caretakers or stewards over His world. I must ask myself, am I a good steward not only of animals, but of the world? Am I caring for the people in it the way God wants me to? Am I witnessing to them and pointing to Him?

And what about all “my” stuff? First, am I a good steward of what He has allowed me to have temporarily? Second, do I put the stuff ahead of Him? Anything ahead of Him? David didn't. He praises the Lord with His whole heart. Am I a good steward of the time God allotted for me?

I must admit that there was a time when I was in tune with the Lord throughout the day. Today, I realize that I have allowed myself, other people, and tasks to gradually divert my steps in the name of working for the Lord. This morning, I was in a prayer room with someone I highly respect, and she said, “God doesn't call us to be overwhelmed; that is not of God. He calls us to peace with Him.”

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

Reminder

I would love to hear from you! Use the “Contact” page under “More” to submit your response about how God moved you in this passage. If you grant permission in your response, I may post it on the main page of the website for the following week. If you don't want it posted, that's okay too. I will keep it private. Thank you, and I pray you are blessed in amazing ways.