

## Psalm 8: The Glory Of God In Creation.

In this Psalm David speaks of the glory of God, and how the glory of man and his destiny reflects upon God.

I. (1-2). The glory of God in the earth and the heavens silences His enemies.

His name is excellent, great...in all the earth, above the heavens and through children. In creation God's wisdom is displayed, so great to silence those who are against Him.

*1 Corinthians 1:27 - But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty.*

One dramatic example of this how God silenced the accusations of Satan against Job and how He sustained him.

II. (3-9). Insignificant man is crowned with glory and dominion.

i. 3-4: Man Compared to the Planets.

Considering the greatness of the heavens also made David consider the relative smallness and insignificance of man. David looked at the creation (the planets) compared to himself and he was nothing. The diameter of the Moon is 3,474 km,  $\frac{1}{4}$  the earth, 360-405,000 KM. A star is a massive, luminous sphere of plasma held together by its own gravity. The nearest star to Earth is the Sun, which is the source of most of the planet's energy. The largest known star is 1-150 times larger than the Sun; another is 5,000,000 times brighter than the Sun. David wondered why a big, great God would be **mindful** of such small beings.

God is so big that He makes the universe with His fingers; man is so small that he is dwarfed by the universe. Yet David did not doubt that God *was* **mindful** of man; he simply said "**You are mindful of Him**" and only wondered *why*.

David was confident that God not only carefully thought about man, but that He had some kind of personal connection and contact with men (**that You visit him**). He thinks about us and acts in our life.

ii. 5: Man Compared To Angels.

David saw that God made man **a little lower than the angels**, and this is evident in the way that man is beneath the angels in present glory, power, and nearness to God. Though set lower than the angels, men will one day to be **crowned** with a **glory and honor**. It is the destiny of redeemed men and women to one day be lifted above the angels.

**1 Corinthians 6:3** - *Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?*

**James 1:12** - *Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the **crown of life** which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.*

**1 Peter 5:4** - *and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the **crown of glory** that does not fade away.*

**Revelation 2:10** - *“Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the **crown of life**.”*

iii. (6-9) Man Given Dominion.

David understood the mandate given to Adam and His descendants at creation.

**Genesis 1:26-28** – *Then God said, “Let Us make man in our own 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. So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 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.”*

There are an estimated 3-30 million species of animals on our planet.

The National Science Foundation’s “Tree of Life” project estimates that there could be anywhere from 5 million to 100 million species on the planet, but science has only identified about 2 million.

By God's plan, man has **dominion** over the other creatures and resources of the earth.