

# PSALM 8 – WHAT IS MAN IN GOD’S CREATION

## Introduction

- 1) **Psalm 8** – a psalm of David
  - 2) Proclaims the glory of God and the place of man in God’s creation
  - 3) May have been prompted while David gazed at the night sky (v. 3)
    - a) Holy Spirit guided David to speak words of truth that would relate to God’s great purpose for man which would be fulfilled and realized in Christ Jesus
- I) **God’s Excellent Name and Glory (vv. 1, 9)**
- A) Verse 1a and verse 9 form “bookends” of praise to the excellence of God’s name
    - 1) **Name** = divine character (greatness, eternal nature, perfection, faithfulness etc.)
    - 2) **LORD** = Yahweh (covenant name of God); our **Lord** = master
  - B) God’s divine glory cannot be contained in the earth and heavens – set “above the heavens”
    - 1) Psalm 113:4; 148:13
- II) **God’s Strength revealed through Babes (v. 2)**
- A) God demonstrates His strength in the weakest on earth – babes and infants
    - 1) God’s power will silence the enemy and avenger
  - B) It is God’s pattern to choose the weak things to shame the mighty (1 Cor. 1:26-29)
    - 1) Quoted by Jesus to shame the unbelieving Jewish leaders (Matt. 21:14-16)
- III) **What is Man? (vv. 3-8)**
- A) As David considers the vastness of God glorious created heavens (outer space; cf. 19:1), he contemplates the wonder of God’s mindfulness and attentiveness to man
    - 1) Man inhabits a very, very small place in God’s vast creation – why does God care?
    - 2) God’s attentiveness to man includes all physical needs and spiritual salvation
      - a) What a wonderful thing to contemplate – God is mindful of man!
  - B) Man’s place in God’s creation
    - 1) ***Made a little lower than the angels***
      - a) Angels are spiritual beings who serve God – not physical, earthly
      - b) Evolutionists say man is just a little more evolved than other creatures – wrong!
    - 2) ***Crowned with glory and honor***
      - a) Man was the highest and greatest of God’s creative work (Gen. 1:26-27)
    - 3) ***Have dominion over creation/all things put under his feet***
      - a) Man originally put in a dominate position to rule over God’s creation
  - C) Quoted in ***Hebrews 2:6-8***
    - 1) Context is the superiority of Christ over the angels (1:1ff; 2:5)
    - 2) Putting all things under man became unfulfilled due to sin and death (2:8b, 15)
    - 3) Jesus came to remedy this problem by becoming a man [the Son of Man] and suffering death for mankind that all things might be put in subjection under His feet in His messianic kingdom (2:9; 1 Cor. 15:25-27a; Psa. 110:1)
      - a) Man finds his glory and honor in God’s kingdom now and eternally (2:10; Rom. 2:7)

## Conclusion

This psalm ends with the same words that it began with – ***“O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth.”*** The Lord’s name is holy and awesome (Psa. 111:9) and is the reason for our existence and salvation. Have you confessed His name and obeyed His will?