

PSALM 8 (NKJV)

To the Chief Musician. On the instrument of Gath. A Psalm of David.

1 O Lord, our Lord,
How excellent is Your name in all the earth,
Who have set Your glory above the heavens!

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.

3 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,
The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,
4 What is man that You are mindful of him,
And the son of man that You visit him?
5 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.

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

Intro

- Psalm 8 speaks of God's plan, from creation to culmination to completion.
- Psalm 8 was quoted by Jesus Christ in Matthew 21.
    - It surprisingly relates to prayer.
- The author of Hebrews reveals a deep spiritual truth of Psalm 8.
- We need to know Jesus, and have the presence of His Majesty in our life.

Who He Is

- The Psalm begins with O LORD, our Lord. This is a declaration of who God is.
- His name is excellent in *all* the earth and the *glory* of the Lord is seen in the heavens.
- What exactly is God's glory?
    - A simple definition of God's glory would be His splendor, or the fullness of God.
- God's glory is not something that can be grasped. It describes the eternal and infinite God.

Illustration - You Can't Draw God

- To ignore the weight and significance of who He is the root of having a dead heart of stone.
- We have to place our faith in who God is, and do it regularly like David.

Questions For Reflection #1

- Do you meditate in your heart on the grandeur of His majesty, power, and glory?

Putting Him in the right position of your heart, is the beginning of faith to worship of Him.

Application #1:

- Worship God without ceasing and pray without ceasing.
- David, a person after God's own heart, begins with his approach towards God in prayer.

The Lord's Prayer Applications

Jesus taught us the Lord's Prayer:

1) Proclaiming the LORD or "I Am" is Lord and worship Him for who He is, then
2) Give thanks, and asking for provision
3) Confessing sins and asking for forgiveness
4) Finally, asking for intercession for protection from temptation and the enemy

Who's Strong?

- Notice now, they are up against not just human enemies, but God's enemies.
- That avenger is the evil one we're praying for protection against, the devil.
- Prayers involve spiritual warfare with these very beings, affecting your life, here and now.

1 Timothy 4:1

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,

- However, the enemies of God and yours, are silenced and controlled by babies.

Matthew 21: Psalm 8 Remix

- Identifying Jesus as King is parallel to the beginning of Psalm 8.
- Proper worship drives out the enemy, and results in answered prayer parallel to Psalm 8.
- The children begin to worship Jesus and say, "Hosanna to the Son of David!"
- The priests and scribes become angry and can't see who Jesus really is.
- They have been deceived and manipulated by the doctrines of demons.
- Jesus comes back and curses the tree without fruit.

Matthew 7:19

Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

Question for Reflection #2:

Are you seeing fruits of the Spirit resulting from prayer in your life?

- Every believer in Christ should be producing spiritual fruit despite the schemes of the devil.

Matthew 21:22, *"Whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."*

John 15:16

You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

Misapplication:

You may know the Lord, you may be praying, but nothing - perhaps something is off.

What is the most beautiful thing about babies? It's how innocent and pure they are in their hearts.

God's House Of Prayer - It's You

- Hebrews, shows us the majestic glory of Jesus.
- How ALL the angels will worship Jesus.
- How His throne will last forever and ever and how all things are under His feet.

Hebrews 2:9
"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone."

- That is the price that Jesus paid, not to do great wonders, but to give us something more…

Ezekiel 36:25, *I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.*

- After Jesus was crucified, died, and rose from the dead, God's plan was not complete yet.

John 16, says Jesus must go so that He can send the Spirit to us, for as **Ezekiel 36:26** says, *"a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within."*

Key: having the Holy Spirit, God is not just out in the heavens but is now within you.
You are a temple of the Holy Spirit, God's House of Prayer.

Ephesians 6:18 says that we are to be *praying always, with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit*.

Questions for Reflection #3:
Are you growing and thriving in your prayer life? Is it a regular part of your lifestyle?

- Prayer is not an event, it is a conversation with someone you have a close relationship with.

Colossians 1:27
God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Illustration - Adamage
Adam became isolated from the presence of God and no longer talked with Him believing God was not there. The devil comes, teaches them heretical demonic doctrines all because Adam stopped talking with God. This is why we must never stop talking to God, and listening to His Word.

Right Application:

- Grow in your relationship with Him - He is right here if you know Him!
    - Speak with God
    - Listen to His Word

This is the new lifestyle given to you, as a House of Prayer.

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Final Call
If you hear His voice, do not harden your heart, but come to Him to find life.

Put your trust in Him, you can see the power and glory of the Lord God in your life.

Luke 10:20
Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

That's what's most important.

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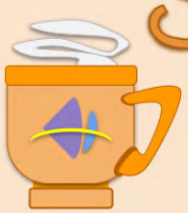
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