

Connect Together

What thoughts come to mind when you take a long look at the stars, or at snow-capped mountains, or at the vastness of the ocean? How have such sights affected how you look at your life?

Lesson Verses - 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!

Study & Apply

1. One starry night, David contemplated the greatness of God and His creation, and how he fits into God's plan for the earth.

   a. What does David consider to be most excellent in the earth? (v. 1, 9) How about you? (Ephesians 1:18-20; Philippians 2:8-10)

   b. Who is likely to recognize and proclaim it? Who is likely to be deaf and blind to it? (v. 2; John 3:11; 1 Corinthians 2:9-14)

APPLY: It is a mark of God's people that they share with others what they have seen of the greatness of the Lord. (Psalm 96:3; Acts 1:8) In what situations do you make mention of God's/Christ's excellencies?

2. Compared to the Creator God and the heavenly bodies He created, man seems very small and rather insignificant. David is amazed that God would even spend time thinking about man (v. 3-4).

   a. Yet what position has God granted man in His creation? What is man's role? (v. 5-6)

   b. David is often amazed at how God pays attention to man. (Psalm 144:3-4, for example) What does this tell you about his understanding of his place in God's universe?

APPLY: David was humbled in the presence of the Creator God. Why is it important to remain humble in the exercise of the authority you have been given? How does humility affect your relationship with God and your fellow man? Share your experiences.

Discuss & Share

The One who really deserves to be crowned with glory and honor is Jesus Christ, the Firstborn among many brethren. (Hebrews 2:9-10; Romans 8:29) Those who humbly follow Jesus are not only stewards of His earthly creation, but also ministers of His new creation. (2 Corinthians 5:18-19) What are practical ways in which we can fulfill the role on earth which God has given us? How are you making use of the glory and honor which God has given you?

Grow & Minister

Minister to one another through sharing specific prayer requests.