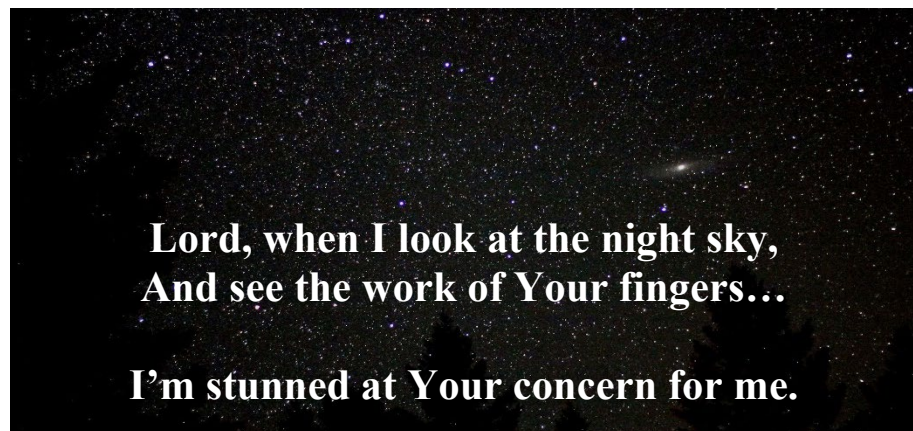


Made to Mirror His Majesty  
Psalm 8

How big is our God? Does knowing Him and talking with Him fill you with awe? Just glimpsing God's greatness can be overwhelming. When we begin to grasp His plan for us, it can seem unbelievable. David is overwhelmed by God's majesty in Psalm 8.

- 'Lord, Your majesty is unavoidable!' (1-2)
- 'Lord, Your plans for us are unfathomable! (3-8)
  - *Created to rule*
  - *Destiny derailed by sin*
  - *Majestic destiny in Christ*
- 'Lord, how great Thou art!' (9)



1. The first two verses of Psalm 8 are a Doxology of praise to God for His majestic splendor and strength. Instead of listing His attributes, David points to two things: The splendor of the heavens, and the sound of infants. The first of these is obvious to all: Have you ever considered the vastness of the night sky, and wondered at God's awesome power and majesty? How do infants establish the power of God in the face of adversaries and enemies? In general, God has ordained that the weak things of the world to confound the strong (see 1 Cor. 1.27). How had David seen this in his life? In God's overall plan for mankind, how did a helpless infant become the greatest victor of all (see Matt. 1.21)?
2. In verses 3-4, David marvels that God, who created the astounding heavens, would care about piddling little humans! It is safe to say that humans routinely mistake their own value. Humanism makes man into a 'god' – the master of his own fate, but this philosophy leads to a *loss of value* – we are just 'space-dust' blowing through time...an accident of time and chance! What affects of godlessness do you see in contemporary culture?
3. Verses 5-8 outlines the value of man as God planned it. The source of our value is derived from God (see Gen. 1.26a)! How majestic did God make us to be (v5)? It makes sense: If God is majestic, and He created us in His image, then He intended that for us, too. And the evidence of that is in our rulership over creation (see Gen. 1.26b-31). Are we experiencing that creation destiny today? If not, why? What has interfered with God's creation plan for us?
4. Hebrews 2.6-9 quotes Psalm 8.4-6 – but how does Heb. 2.8 end? What God planned for mankind was upset – ironically, through the influence of an animal – a serpent – sin entered the world and our exalted destiny was devastated. The effects of sin continue, but the promise of Christ is our hope (Heb. 6.9). All creation groans right now (Rom. 8.18-25). In the coming kingdom, creation order will be restored (Isa. 11.6-9). God's majestic plan was only delayed, so we pray as Jesus taught us, "Thy kingdom come!"