

Psalm 8

¹ LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens.
²Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. ³ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, ⁴ what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?

⁵ You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. ⁶ You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: ⁷ all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, ⁸ the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. ⁹ LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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"This is a hymn of praise, enabling the Lord's people to celebrate their privileged place in the created order, which speaks of the glorious Creator"

- Read verses 1-4. How does creation bear witness to the glory and goodness of God? What does it mean to be created in the image of God and how does God care for human beings?
- In verse 5 we see that God has "crowned" us with glory and honor. What do you think that means? What does it mean to care for creatures and to have rule over them? Why do you think God gave us this role?
- Notice verses 1 & 9 and how the psalm begins and ends with praise.

Meditate today on the majesty and glory of God. Carve out some moments of worship and praise. Be open to "patches of godlight" (C. S. Lewis).