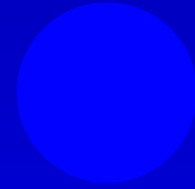
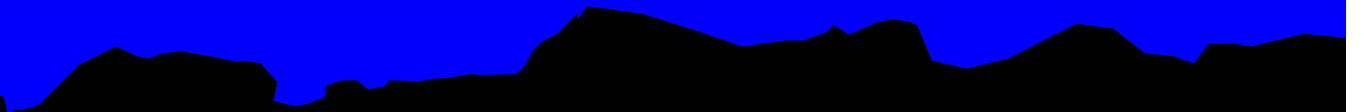


# Psalm 8



*A Psalm by David*



# The Book of Psalms

- Composed of 150 Psalms
- 73 Psalms attributed to David by subscript
- 50+ no subscript but possibly by David

• For example

- **Psalm 2:1**, *“Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?”* (Acts 4:25)
- **Psalm 95:7-8**, *“...Today if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your heart...”* (Hebrews 4:7)

# Psalm 8

(Only 9 Verses)

- Begins & ends with exact same words
  - *Vs. 1 & Vs. 9, “Oh Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!”*
- Wonderful lesson to study!
  - In song, prayer, & every day speech
  - God is to be praised & His name magnified
- Remember God’s instructive prayer
  - *Matthew 6:9, “After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name...”* (Not Crude/Flippant)

# David's Focus: **Psalm 8**

- **Vs. 3-8, What has God Created!**
  - **Vs. 3, Wonders of the universe**
    - Created by the work of God's fingers
    - Moon & stars set beautifully in place
    - Ordained by God himself
  - **Vs. 4-5, Man, undeniable crown of His creation**
  - **Vs. 6-8, God given responsibilities of man over the rest of creation**

# Man, God's Crown Jewel

- God made all
  - Moon, stars, and all of the heavens
  - Sheep, oxen, beast of the field
  - Fowl of the air, Fish of the sea
  - And Man
- But only man:
  - Was crowned, *“with glory and honor”*, vs. 5
  - Was given, *“dominion over the works of thy hands”* vs. 6
  - Had *“all things put under his feet”*, vs. 6

# David Echoes the Words of Moses

- **Genesis 1:28**, *“God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.”*

# David Echoes the Words of Moses

- **Genesis 9:1-2**, *“And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth. And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.”*

**Animal Life Does Not  
Equate With Human Life!**

# Two Sobering Questions

- **Psalm 8:4**, “*What is man, that thou are so mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visited him?*”

• Only man is capable of even asking these questions!

- David, The “*...sweet psalmist of Israel*” did just that (**2 Samuel 23:1**)

Only man, with God’s given self-awareness, is able to reflect on such matters!

# So What is Man?

- David speaking by *“The Spirit of the LORD”* (2 Samuel 23:2), in Psalm 8 said man was:
  - Made by God
  - A little lower than the angels
  - Crowned with glory and honor
  - Over the works of God’s hands
- Impressive, But there is more to Psalm 8
  - Portions of Psalm 8 are quoted elsewhere
  - Quotes clearly do not refer to man
  - Need to view complete picture

# The Rest of the Story

- **Psalm 8** seen in other scriptures
  - **1 Corinthians 15:27**, *“For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.”*
  - **Ephesians 1:22**, *“And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church...”*

# The Rest of the Story, cont.

**Hebrews 2:6-9**, *“But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.”*

**ULTIMATE FULFILLMENT OF PSALMS 8**

# Question

Does **Psalm 8** refer to Man or to Jesus?

Answer: **YES & YES**

- **Psalm 8:4-6**, Inspired Hebrew writer...
  - Makes specific application to Jesus
  - Missing the point would be a great loss
  - An “Ah Ha” (V8) moment
- **Psalm 8** also refer to man’s privileged role in God’s creation

# Conclusion of **Psalm 8**

**Psalm 8** does refer  
to man's role in creation!

However, Let Us Never Forget

**Psalm 8** Points Ultimately to:

## Jesus Christ

- He was made a little lower than the angels
- He was crowned with glory and honor
- He was set over the works of God's hands
  - He tasted death for every man



***“Oh Lord our Lord, how  
excellent is thy name in all  
the earth!”***

**Psalm 8: 1, 9**