PSALM 8:1-9 CREATOR OF ALL THINGS



DTHIS WEEK'S **focus**

Have you ever gone for a walk or camped outside late at night and looked up? If it was a clear night, you were likely able to see stars scattered across the sky. The next time you do this, truly pause, put your phone down, and take a moment to observe how amazing the stars and planets are. David—the author of Psalm 8—finds himself observing God's creation and responds by worshiping the Lord for who He is and His creative power. This week, we'll be reminded that we are called to celebrate God as the Creator of all things.



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Scripture PSALM 8:1-9

PSALM 8:1-2

For the choir director: on the Gittith. A psalm of David. 1 LORD, our Lord, how magnificent is your name throughout the earth! You have covered the heavens with your majesty. 2 From the mouths of infants and nursing babies, you have established a stronghold on account of your adversaries in order to silence the enemy and the avenger.

PSALM 8:3-5

3 When I observe your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you set in place, 4 what is a human being that you remember him, a son of man that

you look after him? 5 You made him little less than God and crowned him with glory and honor.

PSALM 8:6-9

6 You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet: 7 all the sheep and oxen, as well as the animals in the wild, 8 the birds of the sky, and the fish of the sea that pass through the currents of the seas. **9** LORD, our Lord, how magnificent is your name throughout the earth!

PSALM 8:1-9 CONVERSATION QUESTIONS



.01 What does this psalm's beginning tell us about the Lord?

.02 Why do you think David mentions both the earth and the heavens in verse 1?

 What does verse 2 teach us about creation proclaiming God's greatness? What should be our response?

While this psalm acknowledges humanity's smallness in relation to the rest of God's creation, David also celebrates God's creation of human beings. We are made in God's image—and therefore, we possess value and dignity. Psalm 8 reminds us that we shouldn't think too highly of ourselves, nor should we think too lowly of ourselves. Our culture may try to tell us our value and worth are based on our social status, the career path we want to pursue, our gender, our ethnicity, the school we get into, and more. However, being an image-bearer is where we find our true worth. This key truth should not only filter the way we see ourselves, but the way we see others. All people are made in God's image.

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READ PSALM 8:3-5.

.04 How can observing God's creation point us to worship Him?

.05 What does God's concern and care for human beings tell us about His character?

.06 What does verse 5 teach us about human value and dignity?

READ PSALM 8:6-9.

What does it mean for everything to be placed under the feet of human beings? What does this tell us about our role in creation?

.08 Why do you think David ended this psalm the same way it began?

∯ THEOLOGY

As we look out into our world, we know that everything is not as it should be. Because of Adam and Eve's rebellion, our world is fractured by sin. As the apostle Paul teaches us in Romans 8:20-21, our corrupted world awaits the day when Jesus will renew all things and fix all that is wrong. We are called to celebrate God as the good Creator of all things, while marveling and rejoicing in what He has made. This does not take away from the fact that we long for the day that everything broken in our world is healed by the Lord. As followers of Jesus, we must do both.



devotions

MEMORIZE PSALM 8:3-4

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What does this passage say?



about God?



What did this passage mean to its original audience?





What does this passage tell us about humans? How does this passage prompt me to pray?

How does this passage

change the way I

relate to people?



What does this passage demand of me?

day 1 **PSALM** 8:1-2

DWELL

In this song of praise to God, David celebrates and worships the Lord for who He is and for His creative power. The Lord's reputation is magnificent throughout the earth and the entirety of creation is filled with His glory. David highlights that even the cries of babies point to how awesome and glorious God is. So, the question all people must answer is this: How will you respond to the greatness of God? Will it be with reverence and obedience or with rebellion?

What does it mean to praise the Lord's name?

As you look out into the world, how do you see God's awesome creative power in creation? How can this guide your prayers today?

MEMORIZE

Using colored pencils or pens, creatively write out Psalm 8:3-4 on a piece of paper. Read the verses out loud five times. Finally, try to say them out loud five times without looking, trying to picture them in your mind instead.

PRAY

Lord, You are awesome and worthy of awe and obedience. As I go throughout my day, help me to notice Your creative power in the world and celebrate You for it.

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day 2 GENESIS 1:26-28

DWELL

When was the last time you made something that you were truly proud of? Whatever it was, you probably showed it off to someone and placed it somewhere special. In Psalm 8, David praises God for uniquely creating humans, using language that calls back to this passage in Genesis. As people made in God's image and likeness, we hold inherent value, dignity, and worth. With this in mind, we must treat ourselves and those around us in light of this truth.

How does the culture around you try to define what makes someone valuable or worthy of dignity?

How can you remind yourself that you are made in God's image this week?

MEMORIZE

Type out Psalm 8:3-4 in the Notes app on your phone or another device. Take a screenshot of it and set it as your lock screen or wallpaper.

PRAY

Gracious God, thank You for making me in Your image and likeness. May this truth shape the way I not only look at myself but all people.

day 3 **PSALM** 8:3-5

DWELL

As you read verse 3, think back to your life. Have you ever found yourself in David's position? Sunrises and sunsets, roaring waves, beautiful mountain ranges, and more have the ability to captivate us. God was personally involved in the creation of all things—and He has made some truly amazing things. David marvels at the Lord's concern over human beings considering the vastness of creation. Each and every human being was made in the image and likeness of God, holding a unique place within God's created order. The Lord doesn't just remember us—He looks after us.

1 How does it bring you comfort to know that the Lord remembers and cares for you?

How can you remind someone of God's care for him or her today?

MEMORIZE

Set reminders on your phone to read Psalm 8:3-4 three times each day (such as in the morning, the afternoon, and the evening).

PRAY

Heavenly Father, though Your creation is vast, You remember and care for me. Thank You for the various ways You have met my needs—especially my greatest need, Christ.

^{day 4} PSALM 8:6-9

DWELL

David teaches readers that human beings have been made rulers over the work of God's hands. We have been put in a place of authority over the world the Lord created. In these verses, David also describes the types of things that human beings are given authority over, further emphasizing our unique role within God's creation. However, despite the stunning beauty of creation, and the divine purpose given to human beings, this song is ultimately about worshiping the Lord. As you look at God's creation, really take a moment to pause and reflect. God is the Creator of all things, and we are called to celebrate Him.



What does this psalm teach you about God's role for humankind?

How does verse 9 emphasize what this psalm is really about?

MEMORIZE

Say the book, chapter, and verse numbers for Psalm 8:3-4 out loud several times. Then read aloud just the first few words of the verses. Do this a few times a day and see if you can memorize more each time.

PRAY

Heavenly Father, Your creation points to Your power and awesomeness. May others see Your good character through my words and actions.

day 5 HEBREWS 2:5-9

DWELL

In this passage, the author of Hebrews references Psalm 8, not only reminding his audience of humankind's authority over creation but also pointing ahead toward Jesus's authority over all things as the risen King. Jesus, the eternal Son of God, entered creation and put on flesh, tasted death, and rose again so that we can have new life. In Christ, we can find true rest and security in the new life that we have received.

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What is the significance of the author quoting Psalm 8 in this passage?

What does this passage teach us about God's grace?

MEMORIZE

Write down the first letter of each word of Psalm 8:3-4 on a note card. At least five times today, see if you can say the verses just by looking at the letters.

PRAY

Lord Jesus, thank You for tasting death so that I can be reconciled with God and have eternal life. Help me to share this life-changing news with others.