

PSALM 8 (m)

Who are we anyway? What is humanities status in creation? It states in Genesis that God made us in His image and gave us the stewardship of the planet. David looks at humanity and asks of God, "Who are we that you should notice or care?" So the question is, why does He?

1. **The psalm begins as it ends, with a declaration of praise : " O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!"** Notice that for David, God is not merely an impersonal concept, but his Lord. David was no deist but a theist. What about you?
 - a. God has set His glory above the heavens (Ps 19:1-2, Gen 15:5).
 - b. Even the little ones instinctively praise their Creator. From their lips God has established praise (strength) Mtt 21:6.
 - Because of His enemies.
 - To silence the foe and avenger.
2. **David's meditation on creation prompts him to as "If God is so vast, why does He bother with us?**
 - a. What are we that He considers us or cares for us? Any of us (e.g., 1 Tim 1:15-17, 1 Jn 2:28-3:3)?
 - b. He made us a little lower than the angels ("heavenly beings") and crowned us with glory and honor. *And in this condition He has totally identified with us (Heb 2:5-18).*
 - c. He has placed all creation under our dominion (Gen 1:27-28).
3. **David closes as he began, "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!"**

Who are we indeed, that God should lavish such kindness on us?

Gen 1:26-27, 31

Rom 5:8

Lk 7:1-10 (Esp 6b)

Jn 21/ Lk 22:32

It is well for us to think about God's greatness and concern for us. It is a guard against complacency, a prod to wonder and praise and it reminds us that His love is not contingent.