

WORD

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. **PSALM 8:1**

(Read also **PSALM 8.**)

In this psalm, David reveled in the glory of the Creator. Everywhere he looked, He could see God's majesty manifested. From how the day turns into night to how buds blossom into flowers, all things show the glory of the Master Craftsman who put everything in place. His glory surrounds us, and all of creation gives praise to Him. In this lesson, we will look at how God's glory is revealed: in creation, in man, and in Christ.

1 In Creation

¹O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. . . . ³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place . . . **PSALM 8:1,3**

God spoke all things into existence. From the stars to the oceans, all of creation is His handiwork. Every plant, animal, mountain, and sea is His masterpiece and all things point back to Him. David didn't get to see man walk on the moon or swim in the deepest oceans, but that didn't stop him from seeing God's glory. In this day and age, as we continue to explore new frontiers, we discover more reasons to appreciate His glory and the majesty of the Creator becomes even more undeniable. Just as praise was continually in David's lips during his lifetime, how do you think we can praise God in this generation?

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2 In Man

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. PSALM 8:5

It is amazing that the God who made the heavens and the earth is the same God who crowned man with glory and honor. He not only created us, He made us in His image. And He does not simply take notice of us, but goes beyond that and adopts us as sons—giving us authority to take part in His plan. His glory does not make Him distant from us, rather it makes us closer to Him because He has shared it with us through Jesus Christ. According to Genesis 1:26,27, what privilege and responsibility has God given us over His creation?

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3 In Christ

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high . . . HEBREWS 1:3

(Read also **HEBREWS 2:6-9**.)

Jesus Christ is the exact imprint and the actual image of God's true being. All things are created by Him and He possesses absolute authority and power over all of creation. He came to die on the cross for us, and by Him we have been saved. God's glory is realized in Christ and we see that in what Jesus did for us on the cross. What does Colossians 1:15-20 say about Jesus' authority over all creation?

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APPLICATION

- How do you see God's glory manifested? What do you think is an appropriate response to His glory? How will you do this in the coming week?
- How can you grow in your appreciation of God's glory in creation?
- To whom can you preach the gospel to this week? How can you tell him/her about Christ's finished work on the cross?

PRAYER

- Thank God for the gift of life that He has given you and for the privilege of being called as His child.
- Pray for boldness and love to abound in your heart, and for His glory to be reflected in your life.
- Declare the life and identity that you have in Jesus, and ask for opportunities to be able to share that to other people as well.



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