



WEEK 2

The Lord, My Praise!

This awesome hymn of praise considers humanity's place in God's grand creation. In it, David marvels at how the Creator of the vast universe has crowned seemingly insignificant humans with glory and honor, and has entrusted them with stewardship over the works of His hands. Throughout every season of life, from childhood to adulthood, God's majestic name remains excellent in all the earth. Even as we stare up at the heavens on hot summer nights and see all He fashioned with His hands, we are reminded that our significance comes not from our own greatness, or our activities, but from the Lord who chose to bless us with His presence, His love, and His care for our lives. We are loved, by a limitless God! How much praise does that deserve!

THE SCRIPTURE: PSALM 8

To the choirmaster: according to The Gittith¹. A Psalm of David.

- ¹ O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
- ² Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
you have established strength because of your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.
- ³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
- ⁴ what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?
- ⁵ Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.
- ⁶ You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under his feet,
- ⁷ all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
- ⁸ the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
- ⁹ O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

¹ **Gittith** – we're actually not sure what this is, but as most Bible footnotes will tell you, it's probably a musical term that lost to us now.

LIFEGROUP QUESTIONS: WEEK 2

OPENING QUESTIONS

1. When was the last time you were truly awestruck by something in nature? What was your response in that moment?
2. If you had to choose one characteristic of God to praise Him for today, what would it be and why?

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3. Psalm 8 begins and ends with the same declaration: "O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" What do you think the psalmist means by God's "name," and why does he emphasize its majesty?
4. In verse 2, David mentions that God has "established strength because of your foes." How does the praise of God's children silence God's enemies? What might this teach us about authentic praise?
5. Looking at verses 3-4, David reflects on the vastness of creation and then asks why God would be mindful of humanity. When you consider your place in God's universe, how does it affect your understanding of God's personal care for you?
6. According to verses 5-8, what role did God assign to humans in creation? In what ways are we fulfilling or failing to fulfill this responsibility today?
7. How does this psalm help us understand the proper balance between recognizing our significance to God and maintaining humility before Him?
8. David composed this psalm after observing the night sky ("the moon and the stars" in verse 3). Where do you most clearly see God's majesty displayed in your everyday life?

9. In what areas of your life do you find it challenging to acknowledge God's lordship? How might meditating on Psalm 8 help address these challenges?
10. Hebrews 2:5-9 quotes from Psalm 8 and applies it to Jesus Christ. How does seeing this psalm through the lens of Christ's incarnation and exaltation deepen your appreciation of it?
11. What is one practical way you can make praising God more central to your daily life this week, inspired by David's example in this psalm?