

Psalm 8
A God Who Knows Who You Are

1. The NAME 1, 2

- A. LORD repeated
He is sovereign.
- B. The Name's importance
Ezekiel 36:20 But when they came to the nations, wherever they came, they profaned my holy name, in that people said of them, 'These are the people of the Lord, and yet they had to go out of his land.' 21 But I had concern for my holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations to which they came.
- C. Glory Above
- D. Strength for even the most vulnerable
Practice of child sacrifice was around during this time. We read all about it in the Old Testament.

Micah 6:7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

**Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"**

8 He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

- E. Victory
He still fights for you, and He has won the greatest battle of your life.
1 John 5:4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.
5 Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

2. Who Are Humans? 3-8

"When I look/consider your heavens"

"The 'I' of this psalm is what makes us aware that the general question, what is a human being? Is fundamentally a question, What am I? What possible meaning and significance can I or any other human being have in the midst of this cosmos that seems to have no end in time or space? (Whether that is a correct scientific perception does not matter. It is how I feel it, and so do you.) To be human is to experience a kind of fundamental anxiety in the face of the universe. That is something that distinguishes

human beings from other sensate beings." Patrick Miller, *What Is a Human Being?* In *What About the Soul?*

- A. Feeling Unimportant 3
Overwhelmed, Insignificant, Small
"Sometimes I look above me and stars are shining and I feel so small. How could the God of heaven and all creation know I'm here at all? Then in the silence He whispers my child I created you too. And your my most precious creation. I even gave my Son for you."
Steven Curtis Chapman
- B. The Most Important question you can ask and have answered 4
Job 7:17 What is man, that you make so much of him,
and that you set your heart on him,
18 visit him every morning
and test him every moment?

Psalm 144:3 O Lord, what is man that you regard him,
or the son of man that you think of him?

4 Man is like a breath;
his days are like a passing shadow.

"I am a flower quickly fading, here today and gone tomorrow, a wave tossed in the ocean, a vapor in the wind..." Casting Crowns

- C. Creation explained 5-8

God cares for us simply because we are humans.

In a prayer Jeremiah says:

"O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach." -Jeremiah 15:15 ESV

Even in the sciences we find that life is so fine tuned for human existence it points us back to our significance.

-A little lower than the angels

-The image of God

Mark 12:13 And they sent to him some of the Pharisees and some of the Herodians, to trap him in his talk. 14 And they came and said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are true and do not care about anyone's opinion. For you are not swayed by appearances, but truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?" 15 But, knowing their

hypocrisy, he said to them, “Why put me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me look at it.” 16And they brought one. And he said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” They said to him, “Caesar’s.” 17Jesus said to them, “Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” And they marveled at him.

-Dominion over the other parts of creation

Genesis 1:26Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

27So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

28And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Genesis 2:19Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. 20The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him.

1. We seem insignificant in comparison to the cosmos or the rest of creation
2. We have this special attention from the Creator
3. God enters His creation in human form.

3. The NAME Revisited 9

Hebrews 2:6 It has been testified somewhere, “What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him?

7You made him for a little while lower than the angels;

you have crowned him with glory and honor,

8putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him.

9But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

- A. Christ became a human being in every way
We already had a place of dominion. Now by the Son of God becoming human he has elevated humanity.
- B. By Becoming Human Christ Conquered the Curse
- C. We Have So Much to Celebrate!

Reflection:

1. *In days like we live in have you sensed the fact that the LORD is in control?*
2. *What is out of control in your life right now that you need to entrust to Jesus?*
3. *Have you placed your trust in that completed work of Jesus Christ the God-man?*

Follow UP in the Word through the Week...

Monday: Ezekiel 36:20, 21. What is significant about the Name of the Lord and why is it such a big deal?

Tuesday: Micah 6:7,8. What is the view of children in this passage? How does that tie into the value of humanity that we were looking at in the message Sunday?

Wednesday: Job 7:17, 18. How does Job ask the question about who we are compared to Psalm 8? What about his situation do you think has shaped this question?

Thursday: Psalm 144:3,4. How does this Psalm ask the question about the who humans are compared to Psalm 8?

Friday: Hebrews 2:6-9. How does this passage restate Psalm 8 in relationship to Jesus?

Saturday: Genesis 1:26-28. What can we gather about the “image of God” here in this passage? Have you considered what it means that you bear the “image of God”?