

# Psalm 8

**Psalms 8:1** [NIV] *“O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.”*

The theme of this Psalm is the greatness the Creator God assures the value of humanity. The all-powerful Creator God cares for His most valuable creation, people.

This adoration of the Creator God is ardent and intimate, for all its reverence. The God whose glory fills the earth is our God, our Lord and we are in a covenant with Him.

*“Above the heavens”* – the name and glory of the Creator God is so great that even the whole universe is too small to contain it.

Portions of this Psalm are quoted in the New Testament and applied to Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is the only Person who perfectly reflects God’s nature and authority. [v1]

**Colossians 1:15-17** [NIV] *“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.”*

As the Creator God and the One Who sustains the whole universe, Jesus Christ fits the description in **Psalms 8:1**.

**Psalms 8:2** [Amplified Bible] *“Out of the mouth of babes and un-weaned infants You have established strength because of Your foes, that you might silence the enemy and the avenger.”*

**Matthew 21:14-16** [NIV] *“The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple area, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David,’ they were indignant. ‘Do you hear what these children are saying?’ they asked him. ‘Yes,’ replied Jesus, ‘have you never read, “From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise”?’”*

Jesus quoted from **Psalms 8:2**. The Hebrew word translated “praise” is “ôwz” meaning “strength” out of which God received “praise.”

**1 Corinthians 1:26-29** [NIV] *“Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things, and the things that are not, to nullify the things that are, so that no-one may boast before him.”*

God doesn’t always use the talented people to fulfil His will. It is those who have the trusting faith of a young child, without doubts or reservations. [Luke 18:15-17]

As we get older and have experience of the effect of living in a godless world, we find it hard to have this simple childlike faith and trust.

**Acts 4:13** [NIV] *“When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realised that they were uneducated, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.”*

Consider how Jesus Christ has used Peter and John and be encouraged praying that He can use us in the same way, even if we lack “higher education.”

**Psalms 8:3-4** [NIV] *“When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?”*

Out of this whole array, from stars to sea creatures, only humans can look at this scene with the insight to ask such a question, even if in doubt, therefore it already points to the answer.

**Job 32:8** [NIV] *“But it is the spirit in a man, the breath of the Almighty, that gives him understanding.”*

It is this “human” spirit in each of us that separates us completely from the rest of God’s Creation.

When we look at the vastness of the universe, we often feel very small and insignificant. This is a healthy way to get back to reality, but God **doesn’t** want us to dwell on our smallness. Humility means a proper respect for our Creator God, but to have a balanced approach to life and our future we need to understand what could be our inheritance.

**Colossians 1:16** [NIV] *“For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.”*

Note the last two words “for Him.” All that Jesus Christ created He considers to be His inheritance, and this He has received from God the Father. [**John 3:35; Matthew 28:18; Luke 10:22**]

**Romans 8:16-17** [NIV] *“The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs, heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.”*

We, even as insignificant human beings, have an inheritance with Jesus Christ of the whole universe.

**Hebrews 2:5-9** [NIV] *“It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. But there is a place where someone has testified: ‘What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the angels; you crowned him with glory and honour and put everything under his feet.’ In putting everything under him, God left nothing that is not subject to him. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to him. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.”*

The same scripture as in **Psalms 8**, this shows that it applies both to Jesus Christ as the Son of Man and all human beings. At this present time, not all is subject to Jesus Christ.

**1 Corinthians 15:24-28** [NIV] *“Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For he ‘has put everything under his feet.’ Now when it says that ‘everything’ has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.”*

This is referring to the rule of Jesus Christ and the “firstfruits” [Christians] of the Kingdom of God, after His Second Coming.

**Hebrews 2:10-11** [NIV] *“In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering. Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers.”*

At all times Jesus Christ, the Son of Man, will be our elder brother and friend as well as our Saviour. [**John 15:12-17**] This intimate relationship is likened to a marriage in **Revelation 19:7-9**.

**Psalms 8:5** [NIV] *“You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honour.”*

We only have this value and position because human beings have been created in the “*image*” of God.

**Genesis 1:26-27** [NIV] *“Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.’ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”*

Note humans are as yet only in the “*image*” [Hebrew means shadow of the real thing] of God. To receive the inheritance with Jesus Christ we must have developed the “*likeness*” [Hebrew means character] of God.

We do this through a life that is directed by the Holy Spirit so that the “*fruits*” the character of God is developed in us.

**Galatians 5:22-25** [NIV] *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.”*

This is the very reason we have been given physical human life, for character is **only** developed over a period of time spent with the Person, Holy Spirit, whose character we wish to emulate.

Only then can we join Jesus Christ in His inheritance.

Because God has already declared in His Word, the Christian Bible, how valuable we are to Him, we can be set free from feelings of worthlessness.

The “*glory and honour*” are linked to our being made in the “*image*” of God.

**Psalms 8:6-8** [NIV] *“You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet: all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.”*

God is giving us a “*trial run*” in this physical life to prepare for our rulership under Jesus Christ after His Second Coming.

**Revelation 1:4-6** [NIV] *“John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father, to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.”*

Christians are to become a kingdom [family] or priests [teachers] to serve all who come through the “*tribulation*,” that is the wrath of God, after the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

This time is recorded in considerable detail by Jesus Christ through the apostle John in Revelation as well as by Jesus Christ in person to His disciples. [**Matthew 24:3-35**]

**Psalms 8:9** [NIV] *“O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!”*

As with any communication we have with our Creator God, the Psalmist began with praise and ends with praise.