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*For the women's study, at the back of the binder, we have a "Good Morning, Lord" prayer challenge... to wake up every morning and focus on one scripture that points to worshiping God, and one that points to our walk with Him. I've been doing this for the last couple months. It has really helped me to fix my eyes on the Lord before I even get out of bed. It's also amazing how beautifully it goes along with our sermon series, Unstoppable God.*

*I find that focusing on God's attributes can inspire so much worship... but weirdly, it can also make me think I'm the center of everything in light of all He does for me. The two verses I focused on this morning showed me how wrong I am. The "worship Him" verse was Psalm 16:11, "You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore." I can think, "Wow, Lord! You are so good to me!" But I can also twist my mind and think, "Wow Lord, the world must revolve around me if You would do that for me." That's why the "Walk" verse is so important. Today it was Psalm 115:1, "Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to YOUR name give glory because of Your steadfast love and faithfulness." All glory to Him, and not to me... AND He is so good that in His steadfast love and faithfulness, He brings me joy as I come into His presence. Wow, Lord! YOU are so awesome!*

*I bring this up because I think Psalm 8 is a great balance of looking at HIS goodness and understanding MY blessing of being with Him.*

*Blessings to you!*

*Jonna*

*Psalm 8 ~*

*Vs. 1 ~ "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! You have set Your glory above the heavens."*

*The author David uses two names for Lord in this verse... O Lord Yahweh (God's personal name), and our Lord Adonai (MASTER). From the beginning, David understood that God is in charge.*

*Do I?*

*David says, O Yahweh, my Master, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!" For the Hebrew culture, a name represented character and reputation. What is the character and reputation of my God? It is majestic, excellent, mighty. Where is His name excellent and majestic and mighty? EVERYWHERE. There is no place His excellence does not touch. Ummm... can I say that for me? Not even close. I have no excellence apart from Him, and anything I do have touches very few. He deserves all the glory.*

*His name is excellent in the earth... and His glory is set above the heavens. We have tv shows and all kinds of pursuits of man trying to make a name for ourselves, to earn some measure of glory. Nothing we have compares to the glory of God.. When I get to heaven, people will not be worshiping me for MY glory. Together we will gladly be worshiping the Lord for His. His glory is eternal and all encompassing.*

*Vs. 2 ~ "Out of the mouth of babies and infants, You have established strength because of Your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger."*

*Not only are God's glory and majesty displayed throughout heaven and earth, but these attributes are seen in the little lives of babies and nursing infants. From their sweet little mouths come the reminder of His strength toward us as a mama who protects her little ones.*

*God uses these helpless little ones to show me that He is the one who silences the enemy and those who try to take revenge. He says to me, His poor and needy helpless child, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay." And I can rest in knowing that He is my protector, just like a mama protects her young.*

*Vs. 3-4 ~ "When I look at 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, and the son of man that You care for him?"*

*I look up and see the heavens that don't even reach the fullness of Your glory because I can't see into Your throne room. I look at the work of Your fingers, what You spoke into existence... the peacefulness and power of the stars, the consistency of the moon... and I wonder how or why You would think of me? I am so small. You never forget me. You never stop caring for me. O Lord, please let me never mistake Your love and care for weakness... thinking that You owe me anything. It is Your kindness, mercy, and grace that fuels every breath I take... even the breaths that aren't filled with praise for You. Amazing.*

*Vs. 5-8 ~ "Yet You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; You have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas."*

*Who am I that the Lord of creation would not only think of me and care me but also give me purpose. You who have all glory and honor have crowned me with glory and honor... and You have also crowned me with Your steadfast love and mercy (Psalm 103:4). You are so generous!*

*You who made the world and all that is in it have given me authority over animals, fish, and birds. Let me never think my authority extends beyond what You have given me. You're in charge.*

*In fact, these verses are repeated in Hebrews 2 showing that this is also a prophecy that points to Jesus. He became a man like us, for us. All things will bow to Him. He has been given ALL authority. My life along with its purpose is meant to point to the majesty, excellence, power, and authority of Jesus.*

*Vs. 9 ~ "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"*

*O Yahweh, my MASTER, You are excellent and majestic in ALL the earth. My only response is to bow to You in gratitude. Not to me, O Lord, not to me, but to YOUR name give the glory!*