

FBC Devotion Sunday July 5 2020 - Psalm 8:1-8 The Beauty of God's Creation

"O LORD, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth!

Psalm 8 is a beautiful hymn of praise to God. As we study this Psalm together this morning, we will seek to answer the question: "What does Psalm 8 teach us about our place in God's creation?"

First of all, Psalm 8 teaches us that God is greater than all. (1-2)

God's name is majestic in all the earth. The word "**majestic**" translates a word that means "**great or glorious or excellent.**" And so David is saying in verse one that there's no place you can go on earth where God's power and greatness and glory cannot be seen.

God is greater than all because he has set His glory above the heavens. We see that in the second half of verse 1: "Your glory is higher than the heavens." God's glory and majesty not only fill the earth and the universe. **His glory and majesty extend beyond the universe.** In other words, as great as the universe is, God is greater. **As big as the universe is, God is bigger.**

Another way Psalm 8 teaches us that God is greater than all is this: Even the praises of little children can defeat these who would attempt to stand against Him and His ways. Jesus quoted this verse when he was healing in the temple. "**Children and infants tell of your strength.**" Verse 2.

The second thing Psalm 8 teaches us about our place in the universe is that the universe is very, very big, and in comparison, we are very, very small. As David looked up into the stars at night, he had some idea of the bigness of the universe. But he would be absolutely astounded by what we know of the size of the universe today.

We have a much bigger grasp of the size of the universe than even David did in his day. So what effect should looking at God's creation and staring up into the heavens have on us today?

The beauty of God's creation should cause us to worship the Creator. David touches on this theme here in Psalm 8. Look at verse 3 where he says, "**When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers.**" (Psalm 8:3) You can just picture David lying on his back under the stars as he tends his sheep, staring up at the awesome beauty and wonder of God's creation in the heavens. That's what David must have seen every night!

But the heavens are just one example of God's beauty in creation. The mountains, the ocean, the forest trees ablaze with colour in the fall, even the birds out at the bird feeder –all the beauty we see in God's creation should cause us to worship the Creator.

Finally, the vastness of God's creation should cause us to consider our place in the universe. David said, "**When I look at the night sky, and see the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, you set in place, what are mere mortals you should think of them?**" (Psalm 8:3-4) That is an appropriate question to ask in the face of such a vast place as the universe.

What is man? What is planet earth compared to all the stars and planets and galaxies in the universe? Yes, the universe is very big, and yes we are very small. **But God has a place for us in all this.** We should be awestruck at His majesty in creation.