

“Designed to Worship”

New Hope Community Church

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Observations from Psalm 8

1. God is **worthy** to be worshipped (1)
2. God is not in **need** of our worship (2)
3. Mankind is dwarfed by the **immensity** of God (3,4)
4. God has granted humanity an **exalted** position in creation (5-8)
5. God **alone** is worthy to be worshipped (9)

Question: What is God’s overarching purpose in His creative works?

Answer: To display the **fulness** of His glory.

Scripture declares the following are for displaying God’s glory —

- The **heavens** above us and all they contain (Ps 19:1-6)
- **Israel**, chosen and preserved (Is 43:3-7 / 49:3)
- Pharaoh as he refused to release Israel from Egypt (Ro 9:17)
- Sparing Israel in the wilderness (Ezk 20:14)
- Saving **Jerusalem** from Assyria (2 Ki 20:6)
- Returning Israel from exile (Ezk 36:22,23,32))
- All that **Jesus** did on earth (Jn 7:18)
- Blindness in the man Jesus healed (Jn 9:1-3)
- The **death** Jesus died (Jn 12:27,28)
- The **Church**, predestined for adoption as children (Eph 1:4-14)
- Prayer that Jesus **answers** (Jn 14:13)
- Forgiveness of sins (Is 43:25)
- Accepting one another in the Church (Ro 15:7)
- The **use** of our spiritual gifts (1 Pt 4:10,11)
- The **second** coming of Jesus (2 Th 1:9)
- All things are ultimately to display His glory (Ro 11:36)
- The glory of God will **replace** the sun & moon (Rv 21:23)

John Piper, ‘Biblical Texts to Show God’s Zeal for His Own Glory’ (Nov 4, 2007)

Question: How can I be certain to fulfill God’s purpose for me?

Answer: Become a true **worshipper** of God.

- In Scripture we read that God has placed eternity in our heart (Ec 3:11)
 - (1) There is a longing in our hearts for ultimate **fulfillment**
 - (2) This can only be satisfied in our Eternal **Creator**
- Failure to worship God leads to **false** worship and spiritual decline (Ro 1:24ff)
- True worship of God leads us to love, adore, and **reflect** His glory

‘It is certainly true that hardly anything is missing from our churches these days – except the most important thing. We are missing genuine and sacred offering of ourselves and our worship to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.’

A.W. Tozer, ‘Worship, The Reason We Were Created’