

# Experiencing Majesty

## Psalm 8

### Majestic

- Most people think about God and majesty in terms of the omni's
  - Omnipresent – God is everywhere
  - Omniscient – God knows everything
  - Omnipotent – God is all-powerful
  - Those are true *and* heady – what the Psalmist is after is experience of majesty
- Majesty: “mighty,” “leader,” “noble” – impressive and intimidating power on display
- God is majestic in His Person (v.1)
  - Name – personhood of God
  - 2 Peter 1.17 – the Majestic Glory
  - Revelation 1.17 – John fell at His feet as though dead
- God is majestic in His miracles (v.2)
  - He builds strong defenses out of the most vulnerable people
  - David knows something personally about this – Goliath
  - He has a tendency to use small things to accomplish great work because He gets glory when that happens
- God is majestic in His creation (v.3)
  - Sun, moon, and stars – flowers, trees, bugs – waves, fish, rays
  - The solar eclipse pales in comparison to His majesty
- Clarity: we don't need a smaller, more understandable, more graspable God in these days
- Clarity: you don't manufacture this, you receive it

### Mindful

- He thinks about you (v.4)
  - This is about remembering, calling to mind
  - Just because He has galaxies spinning doesn't mean you're not on His mind
  - Just because you're in a bad place – brokenness always leads there – doesn't mean you're not on His mind
  - Just because there's distance doesn't mean you're not on His mind – YOU ARE (Psalm 40.17)
- He cares about you (v.4)
  - Heb. *pqd* – to hunt up, seek out, take care of
  - His calling to mind sparks such a longing that He seeks us and lavishes care on us
  - 1 Peter 5.6-7 – humility and care combined again
  - This IS TRUE of you

- Part of what makes God so majestic is the people He's willing to associate Himself with!
- Broken Shells – "I want the broken. I think they're beautiful."
- He has commissioned you (v.5-8)
  - As creatures of highest esteem, we are commissioned to do good as His stewards
    - Doing good doesn't dismiss pain (it doesn't let it define what is good, but it's not dismissive) – sarcasm posted on the internet is dismissive almost every time
    - Doing good embraces stewardship
      - You have made...you have given...you have put (all things made by God)
    - Practically? Ephesians 4.29-32

*This series is designed to take a look at some of our basic doctrines. Here is the doctrinal statement of our church on the Trinity and God the Father:*

**TRINITY:** One living and true God, revealing Himself as Father, Son, and Spirit who are coequal, co-eternal, and author distinct but harmonious effects in creation, providence, and redemption.

**GOD THE FATHER:** An infinite, personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love who works all things after the counsel of His will and thus infallibly foreknows all that shall come to pass. He concerns himself mercifully in the affairs of men, He hears and answers prayer and He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

Questions for Discussion:

1. What is the most majestic sight you have ever experienced? Where was it? What was your response to it? What emotions came with it? How (if any way) has it affected your life since?
2. In the sermon and based on v.2, Trent argued that God does miraculous works, often using the smallest and most vulnerable to accomplish powerful action. What are three of your favorite miracles in the Bible? Why are they your favorite? Do they reflect the principle here? If so, how?
3. Reread Psalm 40.17. Is it good news, bad news, or no news to you that God is mindful of you, thinking about you? Most of the time if we struggle with this, we struggle because we think God is too busy, we are too broken, or there is too much distance between us. Which one are you most prone to believe? Why do you think that is? What does the Bible say to this?
4. God not only thinks about us but cares for us. In what ways has He shown His care for you in the past week or so? Reread 1 Peter 5.6-7. What cares / anxieties do you need to put before Him in this coming week?

5. God has commissioned us to do good in the world. One of the dangers is being dismissive of pain. How have you seen this happen (to you or others)? Reread Ephesians 4.29-32. How can this guide you as you seek to do good in the world? What is one practical step you need to take to do so?