

How Majestic Is Your Name

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Psalm 8

The more time I spend in the Psalms, the more I am impacted by them. I guess that makes sense since it is indeed God's Word. As I read what David and the other psalmists have written, it makes me realize that I am often, as we have talked about before, underwhelmed by God. In other words, all too often I live life with God being an afterthought.

In Psalm 8 I find David overwhelmed with God. It begins with being overwhelmed with the greatness of God revealed in His creation. The magnitude and complexity of creation blows our minds when we stop to comprehend it. God is magnificent in His power and His sovereignty. He is both Jehovah and Adonai. Those are the two names David uses for God that are translated "Oh Lord our Lord". He is the great "I AM" and the sovereign master.

Based on comprehending who God is, David is also overwhelmed that God would be mindful of man. Mankind is significant to God. He is created in the image of God which gives us a unique and valued position. We are more than an accident or the pinnacle of the evolutionary process. We are God's unique and purposeful design. As humans we are somehow imbued with God's glory. We hold a unique place as "sovereigns" over creation. We are called to be part of God's purpose in creation. Someone made the statement this week, "It is like God has invited us to partner with Him in the family business". That is a great thought, isn't it?

In addition, I think David is overwhelmed because God is mindful of His people, Israel. God had specifically chosen them and called them out to be His very own people and He would be their God. I think David is asking, "What was Abraham that you were mindful of him, and who are we his offspring that you are still mindful of us?"

I think David was also overwhelmed that God was somehow mindful of him personally. God had for some reason picked him out to be the king and rule over His people. I think that David was overwhelmed by the privilege and responsibility of what God had asked Him to do. I hear David saying, "Why me?" in a good way. It is similar to the Apostle Paul being overwhelmed by the privilege of being an ambassador of the gospel. What a privilege to be invited into our Father's kingdom business.

There is another level at which this psalm causes us to consider what it means that God is mindful of mankind generally and us personally. The New Testament quotes this Psalm. Jesus even quoted this psalm in [Matthew 21:15-16](#). (See also [Hebrews 2:5-9](#)) God is so mindful of us that He sent His Son to redeem us. That is an overwhelming thought that we tend to not be overwhelmed by often enough.

Psalm 8 has me thinking in a new way about the "passion week". David was overwhelmed that the sovereign Lord of the universe would choose a people to be His special possession and him to be their king. I'm not sure that he had any idea about the long-term process although he did understand the idea of a Messiah necessary to save God's people from their sin.

As we now understand God's eternal plan in sending His Son, how much more should we be overwhelmed that God Himself is mindful of us. I think of the words of a song we sing, "We'll never know how much it cost to see our sin upon that cross". My prayer is that we, like David, can say, "Oh Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name throughout the earth" including in our lives.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

