

GOD'S EXCELLENT NAME

Psalm 8

Tonight let's consider what's so significant about Yahweh Adonai

I. GOD'S POWER REVEALED (1)

A. ON EARTH: The majesty of His name

1. His Status: How mighty His reputation or standing
2. His accolades: In all the earth

B. IN HEAVEN: His splendor on display > Illus: God's billboard!

- "Above the heavens!"

1. Superior to the heavens
 - We can see the heavens and their vast splendor ... God is even better than that!
2. Upon the heavens
 - He places His splendor on the framework of the heavens ... they are His manikins.
3. In front of the heavens
 - The heavens serve as the backdrop for his brilliance. - Exp: Diamonds on velvet

II. GOD'S GLORY REPORTED (2)

A. GOD'S FORTRESS

1. Children and infants defend God against enemy curses - See I Cor. 1:27
2. The lisping, stammering words of those barely able to speak overcome God's enemies who oppose His glory (From: Fredrick Delitzsch, "Psalms," p. 152)

B. ENEMY SILENCE

1. They are unprepared to answer expressions of child-like faith
2. The simplest child can shame and silence the most sophisticated atheist

III. GOD'S ATTENTION REVIEWED (3-8)

A. THE MARVEL: Man's Littleness (3-4)

1. Consideration (3)
 - a. God's created heavens
 - He has His fingerprints all over it > Intelligent design
 - b. God's appointed luminaries
 - Fixing them in place ... cementing them there

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2. Questions (4)
 - a. Why take thought of man?
 - Consider the puniness of man
 - b. Why care for man?
 - The word picture behind “care” is illustrated by shepherding
 - God lists us by name, knows when we’re missing and seeks us when we stray

B. THE FAVOR: Man’s Greatness (5-8)

1. His Condition (5a)
 - a. Made a little lower than God (not the angels)
 - b. Not divine but distinguished - See Gen. 1:26-28 and 2:7
2. His Crown (5b)
 - Crowned with glory and majesty - See Gen. 2:15-24
3. His Control (6)
 - Man was to rule and everything else was to submit - See Gen. 1:26-28
4. His Kingdom (7-8)
 - Cattle, birds, fish and sea creatures

CONCLUSION:

Let us magnify God’s excellence and recognize His complete control

- “O Lord” Yahweh is to be magnified on the earth
- “Our Lord” Adonai as the sovereign Lord and Master is to be recognized by all believers