

Take Another Look

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Psalm 8

¹ O LORD, our Lord,

*how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.*

² *Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
you have established strength because of your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.*

³ *When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,*

⁴ *what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?*

⁵ *Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.*

⁶ *You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under his feet,*

⁷ *all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,*

⁸ *the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.*

⁹ O LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!"

(1-2) Majesty Revealed

Majesty: royal beauty. The beauty of a king ruling.

*"The world is charged with the grandeur of God...
there lives the dearest freshness deep down things"*

Gerard Manley Hopkins, *God's Grandeur*

(3-4) Majesty Responded To

*"Do you wish to rise? Begin by descending. You plan a tower that will pierce the clouds? Lay first
the foundation of humility."* **Saint Augustine**

(5-8) Majesty Given

“Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone”

Hebrews 2:8-10

“Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.”

1 Corinthians 15:25-27

Questions for Discussion:

1. When are you most typically oblivious to God’s majesty in the world around you and in your day-to-day life? What are some practical ways you can notice the majesty more?
2. What is the “humility of a creature” (see verses 3-4)? Where do you most need this humility in your life?
3. What part of Jesus’ future rule is most encouraging to you? How might you spend some set apart time this week thinking about or praying in response to that truth?