

Praise God, Who has Crowned Man King of the Earth!

Psalm 8

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The Battleground of Psalm 8

The View of David Representing God	The View of Radical Environmentalism
God intentionally created our universe in six days – about 6000 years ago.	Our universe is the by-product of an accidental explosion – about 13 billion years ago.
Man is the crown of God's creation. Created in His likeness and image.	Man is a parasite that is ruining the earth.
God assigned Man to rule the earth and the animals.	Animals should be favored at the expense of man.
Jesus is the Ultimate Man who will rule the Earth wisely.	Christians are potential terrorists to be marginalized.

A. We Should Promote the Majesty of God's Name in All the Earth. Psa. 8:1

1. The Person of Praise. Ps. 8:1
 - a. O LORD, our Lord
 - 1) – LORD = Yahweh, the One who always exists
 - 2) – Lord = Adonay, our Master and Lord
2. The Focus of Praise
 - a. How majestic is Your name in all the earth.
3. The Cause for Praise
 - a. [You] Who have displayed Your splendor above the heavens.

4. Our Duty as Parents
 - a. We parents should actively promote the majesty of God's name in all the earth to our own children!
 - b. Our secular society will not do that on any level.
 - c. It is not enough for our church to do that.
 - d. It is not enough for our Youth Group to do that.
 - e. It is not enough for SS or WOW or VBS to do that.
 - f. We parents are the most influential educators of our own children. We must educate our own children!
 - g. We fathers bear the greatest responsibility. (Deut. 6)
5. The Default Setting in Public Schools
 - a. "I did the teacher thing that we're probably not supposed to do. I prayed — and I prayed out loud,"
 - b. Elementary Teacher in Moore, OK about what she had done with her class in the midst of a tornado.
6. We parents need to teach our children
 - a. That the evolutionary tree is not true.
 - b. That there was no big bang
 - c. That dinosaurs lived the same time as man.
 - d. That most of the evidence used to prove Evolution REALLY proves Noah's Flood!
 - e. Global sedimentary strata are consistent with Noah's global Flood
 - f. Zhangye Danxia Land Form. Deposited during Noah's Flood. Tilted while still soft.
 - g. Fossils are consistent with Noah's Flood – rapid burial; and deprived of oxygen

- h. Sedimentary Layers & Fossils near Everest Summit Consistent with Noah's Flood
 - 1) Limestone layers at summit
 - 2) Marine Fossils near Summit.
 - a) "Ammonite fossils"
 - b) "Modern Nautilus"
 - c) "Near the top of many Himalayan Mountains, including Mount Everest, is a layer of rock known as the yellow band. This band is filled with marine fossils called ammonites."
 - 3) Layers of marine limestone & marble above 27,000 feet, North face of Everest.
 - 4) The twisted layers: Everest was pushed up at the end of the Flood, WHILE THE LAYERS WERE STILL SOFT ENOUGH TO BEND WITHOUT SHATTERING. = SHORT PERIOD OF TIME! Solid rock (over millions of years) cannot bend. It can only break into a zillion pieces!

B. The Lowliest Among us Should Praise the Lord! Psalm 8:2

- 1. Praise from the Innocent
 - a. From the mouths of infants and nursing babes
 - b. You have established strength
- 2. Praise to silence the enemies. Psalm 8:2; Matt. 21:15-16
 - a. Because of Your adversaries
 - b. To make the enemy and the revengeful cease

- c. One fulfillment: Matthew 21:15-16
 - d. 15 But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that He had done, and the children who were shouting in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became indignant
 - e. 16 and said to Him, "Do You hear what these children are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'OUT OF THE MOUTH OF INFANTS AND NURSING BABIES YOU HAVE PREPARED PRAISE FOR YOURSELF'?"
3. Application: We should praise God in public, even if it makes others around us uncomfortable.

C. Three Good Areas in Which to Praise the Lord. Psalm 8:3-8

- 1. Praise the Grandeur of Space at the Hand of God. Psalm 8:3
 - a. The **Vastness** of Space. 3 When I consider Your heavens
 - b. God's **Enormity**: the work of your fingers,
 - c. The Nighttime **Spectacles** of Space: the moon and the stars,
 - d. The Sovereign **Power** of God: which You have ordained,
 - e. The power of a solar flare
 - f. Andromeda Galaxy
 - g. Cartwheel Galaxy Chandra
 - h. Milky Way Galaxy
 - i. Horsehead Nebula
- 2. Praise God that He takes notice of insignificant man.
 - a. God **notices** us: 4 What is man that You take thought of him,
 - b. God **takes care** of us: And the son of man, that You care for him?

3. Praise God for Man's Majesty as Honored by God. Psalm 8:5-8
 - a. Honored in our **position**: 5 Yet You have made him a little lower than God,
 - b. Honored in our **glory**: And you crown him with glory and majesty!
 - c. Honored in our **kingliness**: Psalm 8:6-8
 - 1) – **Rulership**: 6 You make him to rule over the works of Your hands; Psa. 8:6
 - 2) – **Submission**: You have put all things under his feet,
 - a) All **domesticated** animals: 7 All sheep and oxen,
 - b) **Land** animals: And also the beasts of the field
 - c) **Air** animals: 8 The birds of the heavens
 - d) **Marine** animals: and the fish of the sea, Whatever passes through the paths of the seas.

D. Closing Praise Psalm 8:9

1. 9 O LORD, our Lord,
2. How majestic is Your name in all the Earth!
3. Government Wildlands Project
 - a. "...Humanity must drastically scale down its industrial activities on Earth, change its consumption lifestyles, stabilize and then reduce the size of the human population by humane means, and protect and restore wild ecosystems and the remaining wildlife on the planet."
4. Motto of PETA
 - a. "Animals are not ours to eat, wear, experiment on, or use for entertainment."

E. The Ultimate Fulfillment. Hebrews 2:5-8

1. Psalm 8 applied to the Messiah
 - a. 5 For He did not subject to angels the world to come, concerning which we are speaking.
 - b. 6 But one has testified somewhere, saying, "WHAT IS MAN, THAT YOU REMEMBER HIM? OR THE SON OF MAN, THAT YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT HIM?"
 - c. 7 "YOU HAVE MADE HIM FOR A LITTLE WHILE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS; YOU HAVE CROWNED HIM WITH GLORY AND HONOR, AND HAVE APPOINTED HIM OVER THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS;
 - d. 8 YOU HAVE PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET." For in subjecting all things to him, He left nothing that is not subject to him. But now we do not yet see all things subjected to him.
 - e. The Ultimate Meaning:
 - 1) God temporarily made Jesus a little lower than the angels so He could die as a man.
 - 2) When He returns to reign upon Earth, God will put EVERY THING and EVERY ONE underneath Jesus' feet.
 - 3) He will fulfill the destiny of Psalm 8
 - 4) He will rule over the earth and everything in it – wisely.

F. What We Must Do

1. Praise God that we humans are the **crown** of His creation.
2. Praise God He has given us **dominion** over the Earth and over Earth's creatures.
3. Be alert for attempts by radical environmentalists to foist their **religion** on us.
4. Educate our **children** in the truth about God, man, and the world.

5. **Recruit** as many as we can for Jesus' Kingdom.
6. Take **comfort** in the fact that when Jesus returns to rule, He will
 - a. – Put everything under His **feet**.
 - b. – Restore nature to as near **perfect** as it can be in a fallen world.
 - c. – Lead the entire world in subduing the Earth in a **good** way.

G. Resources for You to Use – DVD's from Answers in Genesis - and the Creation Museum

1. *Created Cosmos*
2. *Dinosaurs & Dragons Legends*
3. *Flood Geology*
4. *Heaven and Earth*
5. *The Last Adam*
6. *Life*
7. *Six Days & Other Biblical Perspectives*

H. (Conclusion)

1. "When I Consider Your Heavens"
2. We Praise God because He has Crowned Man King of the Earth