



Our Majestic God
Psalm 8:1-9
#11 in a series on the Psalms
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Theme: **God's Display Of His Majesty Calls For Glorifying Him.**

The Great Display Of God's Majesty.

1. Displayed in all the earth. (1, 6-9; cf. Psalm 19:4; Romans 1:18-23)
2. Displayed above the heavens. (1, 3; cf. Psalm 19:1-6)
3. Displayed uniquely in people. (4-8; cf. Genesis 1:26-27; Psalm 139:14; John 3:16)

The Great Response To God's Majesty.

1. God's enemies are silenced. (2; cf. Matthew 21:16; 1 Corinthians 1:27)
2. God's people praise Him. (1, 9; cf. Psalm 100:1-5; 145:1-3; 146:1-2; 150:1-6)
3. God's people serve Him. (6-8; cf. Genesis 1:28; 103:19-22)

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. Read Psalm 8. “O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.” God’s character and actions are powerfully and impressively visible throughout the earth. God has displayed His splendor above the heavens (verse 1) and so “the heavens are telling the glory of God” (Psalm 19:1). God displays His majesty in all of His creation even though, as the hymn writer states, “the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see.” As you go through this day and week, look for, take note of the evidence of God’s majesty all around and above you.

Tuesday. As small and seemingly insignificant as we are, people are the supreme evidence of God’s majesty in His creation. Read verses 3-8. It is thought that the edge of the *visible* universe is 13.7 billion light years or 9.4 trillion kilometers away. Does that make you feel small and insignificant? Read verse 4 again — God thinks of and cares for you. Read verse 5 again — what does it mean that God made you “a little lower than God”? You are made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27). You are loved by God (John 3:16). God’s majesty is displayed in you. Thank Him for this.

Wednesday. Verse 2 tells us that God establishes strength from toddlers and infants which silences His enemies. We talked about this on Sunday. What do you think it means? Check Matthew 21:12-16 and 1 Corinthians 1:27 as you write out a brief statement or paraphrase of this truth. How should / does this truth bear on how you see yourself and live in this world?

Thursday. It is wonderful to see and know God’s majesty. But, in familiar terms, how then, or how now should we live? King David opens and closes this Psalm with a statement of praise to God, a song of worship. In verses 6-8 he writes about the stewardship of rule God has given us over nature. Though marred and limited by sin, that service is still ours. It also is part of our worship (remember, one of the Biblical words for worship has the basic meaning of service). Also, one of our most basic acts of service is telling others about God, about His love for them, about Jesus the Savior. Make these facets of worship a regular and essential part of your response to God and His great majesty.

Friday–Saturday. On Sunday we plan to look at Psalm 15. Read and think through this Psalm as you prepare for our time of worship together.

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