

Psalm 8 Devotions

☐ Monday - The Majesty of God's Name.

Psalm 8:1

Psalm 8 begins, "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth" (Psalm 8:1). In Hebrew the verse literally reads, "O *Jehovah*, our Lord...". Five hundred years earlier, God had revealed this mysterious name to Moses from the burning bush: "God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM'; and He said, 'Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you''" (Ex. 3:14). This sublime name is made from four Hebrew letters which may be pronounced *Yahweh* (or *Yahveh*), or the Latinized version *Jehovah*. God is the I AM, the eternally Self-subsistent and Self-sufficient One. Bound neither by time nor space, He eternally IS. God fills, surrounds and engulfs every point in and outside of time and space all at once. God has no past, present or future; He lives in an eternal now. Yet such concepts should not shake our faith, but strengthen it. For even if the gods of man-made religion are fully explainable, we should expect that the true God, who is infinite, eternal and unchanging, has some attributes that are beyond human comprehension. And so, as our finite minds grope to understand the character of God, at some point we must confess, "Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is too high, I cannot attain to it" (Psa. 139:6). And from there we will join the psalmist's happy chorus, "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!"

Read Psalm 90:2

☐ Tuesday - "Our" Lord.

Psalm 8:1

David declares, "O Lord, *our* Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth" (Psalm 8:1). Throughout the psalms David describes God, not in theoretical or even purely theological terms, but in personal address. In the psalms he refers to "my God," "my Shepherd," "my King," and "my Lord," for it is one thing to acknowledge that Jehovah is God (even demons acknowledge that fact, James 2:19), but it is altogether something else to say, "He is *my* God." Today, will you openly confess God as your own?

Read Matthew 10:32-33

☐ Wednesday - The Lost Art of Christian Meditation.

Psalm 8:3

Listen to the meditations of a man after God's own heart: "When I consider Your heavens..., " he says (Psalm 8:3). O how primitive David's understanding of the Gospel was compared to ours, but how much more fully developed his meditation, compared to the American Christian today. What part does meditation have in your life, Christian? David declares, "I meditate on all Your doings; I muse on the work of Your hands" (Psa. 143:5).

Read Psalm 145:5

☐ Thursday - God's Power Displayed in Creation.

Psalm 8:3

David begins his meditation by considering the power of God in Creation: "When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained..." (Psalm 8:3). Creating the universe did not tax God's energies, or over exert His power. He wiggled His fingers (figuratively speaking) and spoke the word and stars and planets and whole galaxies were created out of nothing! "By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of His mouth all their host" (Psalm 33:6). "For He commanded and they were created" (Psalm 148:5). And here is the application: Cannot the God who created all things by His word, take care of me?

Read Hebrews 11:3; Romans 1:20

☐ Friday - The Infinite Condescension of God.

Psalm 8:4

The nations of the earth are like dust compared to Almighty God (Isaiah 40:15). O Lord, "What is man that Thou art mindful of him?" (Psalm 8:4). How low You must stoop to have fellowship with me, and how arrogant would be this little piece of dust if I reject it!

Read Isaiah 40:18-31, 57:15, 66:1-2