

**Sermon Title:** Destination: Amazement

**Sermon Series:** Summer Vacation

**Scripture:** Psalm 8, 19

**Speaker:** Pastor Ian Bonthron



*“Many people also have a sense that there is a non-human, transcendent spirit that suffuses the world, and feel they can get in touch with that spirit by getting close to wild animals”*

—Tia Ghose, “Hugging Lions? Why Humans Are Drawn to Wild Animals,” Live Science, February 5, 2014

**Why do Vacation Destinations make us \_\_\_\_\_?**

**1. Vacation Destinations point to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_**

**Psalm 8:1 - Psalm 19:1**

**Psalm 19:2-4a ESV**

2 Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. 3 There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. 4 Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

**Psalm 19:4b-6 ESV**

...In them he has set a tent for the sun, 5 which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. 6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

*“As we look out into the universe and identify the many accidents of physics and astronomy that have worked to our benefit, it almost seems as if the universe must in some sense have known that we were coming.”*

—Freeman Dyson — Scientific American, 224, 1971, p 50.

**2. Vacation Destination points to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_**

**Psalm 8:3-4 ESV**

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?

*Our posturings, our imagined self-importance, the delusion that we have some privileged position in the Universe, are challenged by this point of pale light. Our planet is a lonely speck in the great enveloping cosmic dark. In our obscurity, in all this vastness, there is no hint that help will come from elsewhere to save us from ourselves."*

—Carl Sagan Pale Blue Dot: A Vision of the Human Future in Space

**Psalm 8:4 ESV**

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

**3. Vacation Destinations point to a \_\_\_\_\_ of a \_\_\_\_\_**

**Psalm 8:1-2 ESV**

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.

**Psalm 8:2 ESV**

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

**Matthew 21:15-16 ESV**

15 But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant, 16 and they said to him, "Do you hear what these 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'?"

**The beauty of Christianity is that the infinite God wrote himself into the story to save the most desperate, the most in need.**

**Because we have a savior, Vacation Destinations should cause us to marvel and worship God's majesty.**