Psalm 8: God's Majesty in Creation



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To the choirmaster: according to The Gittith. A Psalm of David.

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!

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PSALM 8:1A & 9 ESV

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PSALM 14:1A ESV

The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."

"God, in order to commend his providence, has no need of the powerful eloquence of rhetoricians, nor even of distinct and formed language, because the tongues of infants, although they do not as yet speak, are ready and eloquent enough to celebrate it.... David in mockery of [God's enemies] brings into the field of battle against them the mouths of infants, which he says are furnished with armour of sufficient strength, and endued with sufficient fortitude, to lay their intolerable pride in the dust."

John Calvin

HEBREWS 2:5-9 ESV

⁵ For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶ It has been testified somewhere, "What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? 7 You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, 8 putting everything in subjection under his feet." 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. 9 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.

"When we declare in this psalm the majesty of the Lordship of the covenant God we declare that the risen Jesus is the Second Adam, the King who rules the world. In this declaration we acknowledge the unique dignity of all human beings made in the image of God; but above all we rejoice that, in Christ, we enter that dignity and prepare to exercise that wonderful rule."

Christopher Ash