

Talk It Over February 18-19, 2023

"O Lord, our Lord, how excellent (majestic and glorious) is Your name in all the Earth! You have set Your glory on [or above] the Heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and unweaned infants You have established strength because of Your foes, that You might silence the enemy and the avenger. When I view and consider Your Heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained and established, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of [earthborn] man that You care for him? Yet You have made him but a little lower than God [or heavenly beings], and You have crowned him with glory and honor. You made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet: all sheep and oxen, yes, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the seas. O Lord, our Lord, how excellent (majestic and glorious) is Your name in all the Earth!" - Psalm 8:1-9 (AMPC)

All too often, we are imprisoned by human reason when we could be liberated by God's revelation.

God is in Himself perfect completeness, wholeness and needs nothing. We, however, are never complete, whole without Him.

To serve God is to move towards Him. We must grow in spiritual wisdom and spiritual knowledge – knowing Him and thus knowing ourselves.

"Mindful" means "to mark, to remember, to take notice of."

"Cares" (visitests) means to "oversee, to deposit, to appoint, to attend to, to watch over."

"Excellent" means "to be broad, large, powerful." God is incomparable in His Omnipotence.

He made us a little lower than Himself. We are made to represent Him in this world, reflecting His character and living in a personal, intimate, covenant relationship with Him.

In our nature and vocation, we are given divine glory. Our greatness is experienced in relationship with Him.

The God Who makes Himself known makes us know ourselves in Him.

The professed purpose of the Gospel is man's deliverance from spiritual error and sin and his introduction to the only thing that can satisfy the desires of his nature – the favor and fellowship of the God Who made him.

Man is a product, creation of divine thought, love, and power.

If we only appreciated the real significance of the fact that we are God-made – His thought, His creation, it would elevate our conception of humanity.

David sees man at the center of this great Universe, yoked to a high calling and noble endeavors, destined to exercise authority, dominion over every living thing.

Additional Scriptures: Genesis 1:26, 28 (AMPC); Ephesians 1:4-5 (MSG)

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