



WEDNESDAY EVENING

AT BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Title: When You Look Up

Passage: Psalm 8

Speaker: Pastor Dan Preston

Introduction: We spend so much time looking down at our phones, our schedules, our responsibilities, and everything demanding our attention that we rarely slow down long enough to simply look up. David knew what it was like to look up. As a shepherd, he spent countless nights beneath the stars, surrounded by the beauty of God's creation. As he looked into the heavens, his thoughts turned immediately to God. Before David thinks about himself, he is overwhelmed by the greatness of God. Our text tonight invites us to lift our eyes from ourselves and behold the majesty of the God we serve. When we do, we begin to see both God and ourselves more clearly.

I. Stand in Awe of God's Greatness (Verses 1-2)

Before David ever looks at what God has made, he is captivated by the God who made it.

One of the greatest dangers we face is allowing our lives to become so centered on ourselves that God becomes little more than someone we call on when we need help.

Sometimes information can replace amazement. We become fascinated with creation while forgetting the Creator.

The same God who stretched the heavens across the sky also knits the little child in the womb. One displays His greatness on a cosmic scale; the other displays His greatness in the miracle of life.



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II. Stand Amazed That God Knows You (Verses 3-5)

David reminds us that what overwhelms us required no effort from God. The God who created a universe beyond our imagination did so without strain or struggle.

God is the one who upholds the universe by His power and also knows every burden you're carrying today.

We are not the product of chance. We are the intentional creation of Almighty God, made in His image and crowned with a unique place in His creation.

The wonder of Psalm 8 isn't that man is so important, it's that a God this great would care so deeply for people like us.

III. Live for the Purpose God Gave You (Verses 6-9)

We were created to reflect God's character, to care for His creation, and to live in such a way that others would see something of the greatness of the God who made us.

Our greatest purpose has never been to make a name for ourselves. It has always been to bring glory to the One whose name is already excellent in all the earth.

When we keep looking to God, everything finds its proper perspective.

Conclusion: When we look at the greatness of God, it changes the way we see everything else. Our problems may not disappear, but they become smaller in light of His greatness. Maybe that is what we need tonight, to stop looking around and simply look up. When we look up, we remember that the God who created the universe knows our name, hears our prayers, and is greater than anything we will face. "O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!"