

PSALM 8

VERSE TO MEMORIZE

*“When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,
The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,
What is man that You are mindful of him,
And the son of man that You visit him?” -Psalm 8:3-4*

CHALLENGE

Find your value in the eyes of our great and mighty God, and not in this world.

1. When you think of God, what is the first thing that comes to mind? When most non-Christian people think of God, what do they generally conclude about Him?
2. How big is God? How powerful is God? How creative is God? How loving is God? In your life, how do you praise God for who He is?
3. Is there anything that God can't do? Why did you answer the way you did?
4. How or where have you seen God's glory and majesty on display?
5. How does this psalm begin and end? What is significant about God's name that reminds us that He is worthy of our praise and worship?
6. What two names in Hebrew are used for God in verses 1 and 9?
7. How does the fact that God is Lord, or Boss, or the one who is in control, change your attitude as you approach Him in worship?
8. If God truly is Lord (the one who is in control), what does that mean for you as you go about your life?
9. How does God's creation reveal his greatness? Where is His glory? What are the sun, moon, and stars to God?

Consider these facts:

- *Our sun is one of 100 billion stars in our Milky Way galaxy.*
- *The Milky Way is 100,000 light years wide (a light year is the distance light travels in a year, which is 5 trillion, 865 billion, 696 million miles.)*
- *The average distance between our neighboring galaxies is 10 million light years. The sun is the closest star to earth.*
- *The sun is an immense sphere of glowing gas 860,000 miles in diameter.*

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- *The sun is 93 million miles from earth.*
- *Our sun is classified as a G2 dwarf star. Other stars are 1,000 times larger.*

10. What does the psalmist say about the greatness of God compared to the sun, moon, and stars? How were the heavens created? Read Genesis 1:14-19.

11. In relationship to God, who is man? Read Psalm 8:4- 5.

12. What is the most common belief about man that most people in the world will conclude about who man is? What does the world conclude about where man came from? What does the world conclude about where man's value comes from?

13. How does it make you feel to know that God is "mindful" of you and "cares" for you?

14. What does it mean that man was created a "little lower than the heavenly beings"? What importance has God placed on man?

15. Read Genesis 1:26-27. What was unique about the creation of man that is different than everything else that God has created?

16. What has man been "crowned" with by God? What is the significance of this? Does this give you reason to praise God?

17. What is God's role for mankind? Read Psalm 8:6-8.

18. What does it mean to have "dominion over the works of your hands"? As a Christian, what is the proper attitude to have towards God's creation?

19. How have you practiced responsible dominion over the world that God has entrusted to you? How have you practiced responsible dominion over the work that God has given you to do?

20. How does God's role for mankind contrast with the world's idea of mankind's role?

21. Based on God's value of mankind, how should your identity be shaped? What can you do to remind yourself of the value that God places on you?

22. Because of the value that God has bestowed on you, how should you respond?

23. Name several things that you can praise God for.

24. How does this psalm help you understand who you are and what your identity is?