



I Will Give Thanks to the Lord

Psalm 8 & 9:1

Daily Readings: August 8-14 | Psalms 8-14

Memory Verse ~ I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

Psalm 9:1

- 1 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!

Psalm 8

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Psalm 9:1

1. Give Praise and Thanks to God!

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Psalm 8:1

Majestic denotes the Lord's royal attributes

- His victories
- His might in judgement
- His law
- His rule over creation

(Expositors Bible Commentary, Volume 5, p. 110)

2. Who Should Give Praise and Thanks to God?

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?

Psalm 8

14 And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them. 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?"

Matthew 21:12-16

3. Why Give Praise and Thanks to God?

2 You have set your glory above the heavens.
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,

5 You have made [man] 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.

Psalm 8

- Pantheism deifies and glorifies nature as a separate entity from the Creator.
 - Theism joyfully looks at God as the good Creator, Ruler, and Sustainer of the world.
- (Expositors Bible Commentary, Volume 5, p. 109)*

4. When is the best time to give Praise and Thanks to God?

So Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me."

John 11:41

Lazarus is still in the grave and the thanksgiving precedes the miracle of resurrection. Jesus gives thanks for what he is about to receive. Praise is really the most vital preparatory ministry to the working of the miracles. Miracles are wrought by spiritual power. Spiritual power is always proportioned to our faith. Dr. John Henry Jowett
(Streams in the Desert, August 4)

In a moment every shadow was gone, not to return.

Yes, the psalmist was right,

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord."

Rev. Henry W. Frost *(Streams in the Desert, August 4)*

5. Results of Giving Praise and Thanks to God?

- God's Presence
- God's Glory
- God's Provision
- God's Victory

Life Application Questions

1. What does it mean to give praise and thanks to God? In what ways can one give praise and thanks to God?
2. Do you give praise and thanks to God?
3. Why do you give praise and thanks to God?
4. When, how often and where are you when you give praise and thanks to God?
5. What happens when you give praise and thanks to God?
6. Are you experiencing God's victory? How might giving praise and thanks to God cause you to experience God's victory?
7. What might you do different to give praise and thanks to God more consistently?