

# Psalm 008 - Descriptive Praise: Creation and Divine Glory Compared to Man

## Psalm 8

### Divine Glory and Human Dignity

**1** LORD, **our Lord**, How majestic is Your name in all the earth, You who have displayed Your splendor above the heavens!

**1** O LORD, our Lord, How majestic is Your name in all the earth, Who have displayed Your splendor above the heavens!

**1** LORD, our Lord, how excellent is your name in all the earth! You set your glory above the heavens!

**1** O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

- "...our Lord" - a three-fold profession: One God; created all people; His people (the Jews) in particular are "the sheep of his pasture" (Cf. Ps 135:5; 147:5)

**2** **From the mouths of infants** and nursing babies You have established strength Because of Your enemies, To do away with the enemy and the revengeful.

**2** From the mouth of infants and nursing babes You have established strength Because of Your adversaries, To make the enemy and the revengeful cease.

**2** Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have established strength on account of your adversaries, in order to silence the enemy and vengeful foe.

**2** Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

- "From the mouths of infants" - the cry of baby Moses brought Egypt to her knees; the baby Samuel brought David to the throne; a babe in Bethlehem brought salvation to the world

— Quoted by Christ after cleansing the Temple (Matt 21:16)

- This Psalm describes the "praise" that people, even little children, will give to God for the conditions that will prevail during the Kingdom

**3** When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have set in place;

**3** When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained;

3 When I look at the heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you established—

3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

4 What is man that You think of him, And a son of man that You are concerned about him?

4 What is man that You take thought of him, And the son of man that You care for him?

4 what is man that you take notice of him, or the son of man that you pay attention to him?

4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

5 Yet You have made him a little lower than God, And You crown him with glory and majesty!

5 Yet You have made him a little lower than God, And You crown him with glory and majesty!

5 You made him a little less than divine, but you crowned him with glory and honor.

5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

- Not little lower than the animals ("science"): little lower than God!

6 You have him rule over the works of Your hands; You have put everything under his feet,

6 You make him to rule over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet,

6 You gave him dominion over the work of your hands, you put all things under his feet:

6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:

7 All sheep and oxen, And also the animals of the field,

7 All sheep and oxen, And also the beasts of the field,

7 Sheep and cattle—all of them, wild creatures of the field,

7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;

8 The birds of the sky, and the fish of the sea, Whatever passes through the paths of the seas.

8 The birds of the heavens and the fish of the sea, Whatever passes through the paths of the seas.

8 birds in the sky, fish in the sea— whatever moves through the currents of the oceans.

8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

- Dominion was lost by the first Adam; regained by the Last Adam!

**9** LORD, our Lord, How majestic is Your name in all the earth!

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