

## WHY GOD IS TO BE PRAISED

### PSALM 8

- A. Praise God for Who He is (1a), ***O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!***
1. His name is majestic on earth, Psalm 66:1-2, *Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to Him glorious praise!*
  2. His name is revealed as Yahweh
    - a. Exodus 3:13-14, *Then Moses said to God, 'If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?' God said to Moses, 'I am who I am.'* And he said, *"Say this to the people of Israel, 'I am has sent me to you.*
    - b. God is the always existing, never created, only God.
    - c. Jesus identified Himself as Yahweh in John 18. The soldiers asked Jesus if He is Jesus of Nazareth. *Jesus said to them, I am.* When He said that the soldiers fell back and to the ground as His divine nature overwhelmed them.
- B. Praise God for what He has done (1b-8)
1. His majesty is seen in the heavens (1b), ***You have set your glory above the heavens.***
    - a. Psalm 113:4, *The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!*
    - b. God is not bound by His creation. He controls it. It does not control Him.
  2. His majesty is seen in praise from children that silences the enemy (1b-2)
    - a. Matthew 21:16, *And Jesus said to them...have you never read, " 'Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise'?"*
    - b. Matthew 11:25, *At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children;*
  3. His majesty is seen in all His creation (3-9)
    - a. It is amazing that God even thinks of man in light of His created universe (3-4), ***When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?***
      - 1) God is not only aware of us, He cares for us.
      - 2) Jesus on the cross was demonstration of the depth of God's love for mankind.
    - b. It is amazing that God has given mankind dominion over creation (5-8), ***Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.***
      - 1) Mankind is made in God's image, the highest created being.
      - 2) Genesis 1:28-30, *"Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.*
  - c. Praise God for Who He is (9), ***O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!***
    - 1) God's majesty is seen in His created universe.
    - 2) God's majesty has been displayed in His care and design for finite man.

## **CONCLUSION**

- A. Charles Spurgeon, *It is not left to our own option whether or not we will praise God. Praise is God's most righteous due, and every Christian, as the recipient of His grace, is bound to praise God from day to day.*
- B. Jonathan Edwards, *God is glorified not only by His glory being seen, but by its being rejoiced in.*
- C. Psalm 150, Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!