

Refrain Praise

Psalms of David · Book I · Creation Psalms

“For the choir director, upon the Gittith, a Psalm of David”

IN ONE SENTENCE

*he majestic LORD, whose glory fills the heavens, crowns tiny humanity with honor and gives us rule over creation.***Remember it:** Psalm Eight: under the stars, God remembers little me.

MEMORY VERSE

What is man that You remember him
and the son of man that You care for him

Psalm 8:4 · the author's translation

HEBREW WORD

שִׁמְךָ

“your name” · verse 1

In the Psalms: 109 times, in 63 psalms

שִׁמְךָ, “your name,” uses the Hebrew word for name, which stands for a person's character and reputation. To praise God's name is to praise who he is. The psalm opens and closes with the same line about God's majestic name, wrapping humanity's honor inside God's greater glory.

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

- 1–2 The LORD's name is majestic; even infants silence his enemies.
- 3–4 Beside the stars, why does God care for man?
- 5–8 God crowns humans with glory and gives them rule over creation.
- 9 The opening praise of God's majestic name returns.

IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

- v. 2 → **Matthew 21:16** Jesus defends the children praising Him in the temple.
- v. 4–6 → **Hebrews 2:6–8** Jesus, made a little lower than the angels, is crowned with glory.
- v. 6 → **1 Corinthians 15:27** God has put all things under Christ's feet.

MY NOTES

**Listen.** Hear Psalm 8 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at ispress.de/psalms/8.**Cantillated.** Sung: chanted back and forth between a leader and the people.

God in Creation

Praise & Thanksgiving

FILL IN THE BLANKS

The _____ LORD, whose glory fills the _____, crowns tiny humanity with _____ and gives us rule over creation.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. From whose lips has God established strength?

- ☐ (A) Kings and princes
☐ (C) Priests and prophets

- ☐ (B) Babes and infants
☐ (D) Soldiers and captains

2. What does David consider when he wonders "what is man"?

- ☐ (A) The heavens, moon, and stars
☐ (C) His army

- ☐ (B) The temple in Zion
☐ (D) The great sea monsters

3. With what has God crowned man?

- ☐ (A) Gold and jewels
☐ (C) Wisdom and strength

- ☐ (B) Long life
☐ (D) Glory and honor

TALK IT OVER

1. Which creatures do verses 7-8 place under human care?

2. What does it tell you about God that he thinks of people so small?

3. How should being "crowned with glory" change the way we treat others and creation?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 8 TEACH?

- ☐ I listened to the song
☐ I can say verse 4 by heart

- ☐ I can say what it teaches
☐ I know the picture word

Answers · Blanks: majestic · heavens · honor · Check yourself: 1. B (v. 2) · 2. A (vv. 3-4) · 3. D (v. 5)