

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE

GOD'S GLORY – MAN'S GLORY LOST – CHRIST'S GLORY

Psalm 8

Themes we saw last Sunday in Psalm 29 we find again in Psalm 8.

Through eyes of Spirit-given faith Christian believers look out at God's world

- and see the GLORY of God on display
- NOT the glory of some god, or of any god, but of THE God who made heaven & earth AND is the covenant Lord, **Yahweh**, of Israel & His church - the **sovereign ruler**-Lord of all He has made.

His name – ALL His attributes summed up – is on majestic display wherever we may look. Psalm 8 sees His majesty in three particular ways:

1. His splendor above the heavens, vs.1

Look up – at the storms, the clouds, the sun – look higher at the sun, moon, stars, *galaxies* (vastly greater than David could imagine).

What does He say of these great creatures

They are the work of God's **fingers!** so great His power & wisdom!

O Yahweh our sovereign ruler – how majestic is your name in the heavens! Give praise to Him, you His angels.

Give praise to Him all His creatures in all places of His dominion.

2. His glory revealed from the mouths of nursing infants, vs.2

Really? Yes! Do infants really speak?

Yes! Their cries & coos say, "We live! The evil destroyer and enemy of God wants us all dead. But defeated him."

Every crying baby in church, every covenant child is God defeating the devil and preserving His church for another generation.

When you're tempted to be bothered, give thanks instead.

Our Lord quoted these verses when confronted in the temple by His enemies – the Jewish leaders (Matt.21:14-16).

"Rebuke those children who are calling you son of David!"

NO, Jesus said, in praising Me they fulfil Psalm 8:2.

I AM the Savior, the promised Son of David, the Messiah.

3. God's glory displayed in Man, made in His image, vv.3-8

Echo of Genesis 1:26-31 – the crowning work of God's creation –

Man made in His image to rule over His (earthly) creation.

God's image, God's steward, serving & honoring God.

BUT is that what we see?? Hebrews 2:6-8 quotes Psalm 8 and says:

We do NOT see all things subjected to man.

ADAM fell, bringing death & God's curse himself AND on us,
AND on all the earthly creation.

BUT we DO see Jesus! God's Son made man,

now crowned with glory & honor at the Father's right hand -

having suffered the death & hell WE deserve -

that we might be God's children & His brothers, re-made in God's image to give glory to Him.

And what is our Savior King doing right now? Vs12 (Psalm 22:22):

HE is leading our worship.