



## You Matter to God! Psalm 8

**Big Idea:** The greatness of God assures the worth of humankind. God, the all-powerful Creator, cares for his most valuable creation—people.

You matter to God! Does God matter to you?

**A. PRAISE:** Glory of God

- [1] Instruction of Love [Matt. 22:36-40]
- [2] Majesty in His Name [v. 1 & 9]
- [3] Power on Display [v. 2-3]

**B. POSITION:** Mankind Matters

- [1] The Question [v. 4]
- [2] The Answer [v. 5-8]

**C. PROVISION:** Reasons to Rejoice

- [1] Mercy [Lam. 3:22-23]
- [2] Love [Romans 5:8]

**D. PODIUM:** Champions for Christ

- [1] Lord our Lord [John 3:30]

### I. Remember the Greatest and second greatest commandment [Matthew 22:36-40]

[Matthew 22:36-40 ESV] <sup>36</sup>"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" <sup>37</sup> And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup> This is the great and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

### II. Remember who God is.

[Psalm 8:1 & 9]<sup>1</sup> O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens . . . <sup>9</sup> O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

### III. God's defense & craftsmanship

[Psalm 8:2-3] <sup>2</sup> Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. <sup>3</sup> When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

### IV. Psalmist Question: Why do you care for me?

[Psalm 8:4] <sup>4</sup> what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

### V. Psalmist Answer: Man has been placed close to God

[Psalm 8:5-8] <sup>5</sup> Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. <sup>6</sup> You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, <sup>7</sup> all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, <sup>8</sup> the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

### VI. Because of His Mercy

[Lamentations 3:22-23] <sup>22</sup> The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; <sup>23</sup> they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

### VII. Gospel of Unconditional Love

[Romans 5:8] <sup>8</sup> but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

### VIII. Lord our Lord

[John 3:30] <sup>30</sup> He must increase, but I must decrease."

## Study Questions and Prayer from Life Application Study Bible

[1] **Read** John 3:25-30. Some people look for points of disagreement so they can sow seeds of discord, discontent, and doubt in order to make themselves feel better. John the Baptist ended this theological argument by focusing on his devotion to Jesus. To try and force others to believe our way is divisive. Instead, let's witness about what Jesus has done for us. How can anyone argue with us about that? Are you willing to surrender your will so that people can follow Jesus?

[2] **Read** Romans 5:8. Yes, God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. And how about now, now that we are sinners saved by grace God is still showing His love for us. Are you showing your love for Him?

[3] **Read** Lamentations 3:21-23. Jeremiah saw one ray of hope in all the sin and sorrow surrounding him: "The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease." Each day when we wake up, God's mercy greets us. No other faith has a fresh outpouring of grace each day. God always willingly responds with help when we ask. You may have some sin in your life that you think God will not forgive. But he is the Lord of hope (v.21), love (v.22), faithfulness (v.23), and salvation (v.26). God's compassionate love and mercy are greater than any sin, and He promises forgiveness to those who repent. What should you repent of today so you can receive the hope of the Lord for your life?

[4] **Read** Psalm 8:6-8. God gave human beings tremendous authority- to be in charge of the whole earth. But with great authority comes great responsibility. If we adopt a pet, plant a garden, buy land, we have the authority to do with it as we wish, but we also have the responsibility to care for it. How do you treat God's creation? Use your resources wisely because God holds you accountable as a steward of his creation.

[5] **Read** Psalm 8:3-5. When we look at the vast expanse of creation, we wonder how God could show concern of people who often disappoint him. Yet God created us only a little lower than himself and the angels! The next time you question your worth as a person, remember that God considers you highly valuable. We have great worth because we bear the stamp of the Creator. Because God has already declared how valuable we are to him, we can be set free from feelings of worthlessness.

**Pray**, asking God to remind you of your worth. How much you mean to Him.