

**Psalm 8: Majesty**  
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*O LORD, our Lord, How majestic is Your name in all the earth, who have displayed Your splendor above the heavens!*

David begins this psalm with a praise of the very name of God. He identifies this name with Majesty, that particular glory that overwhelms the seeker. David points then to the creation as an example of this majesty. *I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained.* The Majesty of God is displayed in the enormity of the cosmos (Romans 1:19-20, Psalm 19:1-4).

The more we understand about the universe, the more ordered it becomes, and the less we realize we know.

Then David finds that the Majesty of God is displayed in the smallest of things: within the life of a child (Psalm 139:13-15). Later Jesus would quote this when He marveled that God's power is understood by all (Matthew 11:25-26).

David moves on and suggest that this profound majesty causes us to consider our insignificance. He does not have the atheist mindset (that we are meaningless), but he does see our inability to affect the universe. Too, there is the brevity of our lives that renders us insignificant in comparison to creation (Psalm 144:3-4).

But David uses all of this to say that the most remarkable thing is that the Majesty of God causes us to be impressed by His care for us. What is man? Man is the ruler of creation, since God subjected the creation to US (Genesis 1:28). Even more remarkable, God crowns US with the glory of His nature (Genesis 1:26). We are nothing when compared to creation, but since God crowns us with glory and majesty in this authority, we suddenly are just a little lower than God.

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