

Message Notes

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Message Outline

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I. God's SPECTACULAR GLORY in Creation (8:1-2)

- Displayed in the heavens (8:1)
- Established by babes (8:2)

II. God's SPECIAL GRACE toward Humanity (8:3-9)

- A. The Realization of Humanity's Small Place (8:3)
- B. The Revelation of Humanity's Significant Place (8:4-8)
 1. God is mindful of us. (8:4)
 2. God cares for us. (8:4)
 3. God has crowned us with glory and majesty. (8:5)
 4. God has made us to rule over the works of His hands. (8:6)
- C. The Restorer of Humanity's Squandered Place
 - Hebrews 2:5-9
 - I Corinthians 15:25-28

Growth Group Understanding Questions

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1. Read Psalm 8 again. How does this short passage show us both the SCOPE and STORY of creation?
2. Look at 8:2 and then at Matthew 21:16. What is happening in the Matthew passage? What is Jesus asserting in quoting from Psalm 8?
3. What is the relationship between 8:1 and 8:5?
4. Compare Genesis 1:26-31 and Psalm 8:5-8. Find each of the things said in Psalm 8 about the significance for man in the Genesis 1 passage.
5. Look at Hebrews 2:5-9 and I Corinthians 15:25-28. What are these passages telling us? What are some of the implications drawn from this application of Psalm 8?

Growth Group Application Questions

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1. The Psalms invite contemplation. What did you like about Psalm 8? What moved you? What challenged you?
2. What does humankind think of itself? What are some ways we see people thinking too highly of themselves? What are some ways we see people thinking too lowly of themselves? How does the Biblical doctrine of humanity guard against both these?
3. How does Psalm 8 inform and affirm the doctrine of the “sanctity of human life?”
4. How does Psalm 8 inform and affirm the doctrine of “creation care?”
5. How does Psalm 8 inform and explain Iraneus’ statement: “The glory of God is the human person fully alive.”?