

WHO AM I ? ~ Psalm 8:1-9

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INTRODUCTION

Who am I? Why am I here? What is wrong with the world? Can it be fixed?

THE WONDER OF GOD'S GLORY ~ Psalm 8:1-2

[1] O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

Exodus 3:14 (NASU) ...Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.

Psalm 19:1 (NIV) The heavens declare the GLORY of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Isaiah 6:3 (NIV) ...Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his GLORY."

[2] From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

1 Corinthians 1:27 (NIV) ...God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.

APPLICATION

Creation gives God glory - by inspiring feelings of wonder, awe, and joy

Children give God glory - by admiring, honoring, and worshiping

Matthew 21:14-16 (NIV) The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. [15] But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple area, "Hosanna to the Son of David," **they were indignant**. [16] "Do you hear what these children are saying?" they asked him. "Yes," replied Jesus, "have you never read, "**From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise**'?"

→do EVERYTHING you do FOR God's GLORY - 1 Cor. 10:31

→your body is God's Temple - GLORIFY God with it - 1 Cor. 6:19

1 Corinthians 6:12 (NIV) Everything is PERMISSIBLE for me- but **not** everything is BENEFICIAL. Everything is permissible for me - but I will not be MASTERED by anything.

THE WONDER OF CREATION ~ Psalm 8:3-4

[3] When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, [4] what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?

Genesis 1:16 (NIV) God made two great lights - the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. **He also made the stars.**

Isaiah 40:26 (NIV) Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? **He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name.** Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.

APPLICATION

RESPONSES TO CREATION

Astrology- believes that the movement in the heavens affects human behavior

Atheism - we are an uncaused accident

Pantheism - nature IS god

Christianity - Worship the Creator the Sovereign God

Romans 1:20 (NIV) For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood FROM what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

THE WONDER OF THE HUMAN RACE ~ Psalm 8:5-9

[5] You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

Genesis 1:26 (NIV) Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness...

the GLORY of man - he bears God's IMAGE

the HONOR of man - he is to RULE over God's creation

[6] You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet:

➔ **We will rule as good stewards over Creation ONLY ...if we accept God's Rule in our lives.** ~ P. Apple

[7] all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, [8] the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. [9] O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Genesis 1:26 (NIV) Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness... and **let them rule over** the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

APPLICATION

HUMANITY IS GIVEN... (R. Richard)

- Rank
- Recognition
- Responsibility

BECAUSE WE ARE MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE WE HAVE... (P Apple)

- a MIND so we can KNOW God
- a HEART so we can LOVE God
- a WILL so we can OBEY God

TAKE AWAY ?? (Vodie Baucham)

Who am I? - I am created in God's IMAGE vs. 5

Why am I here? - to GLORIFY God vs.6

What is wrong with the world? - the Fall, the Curse - SIN

Romans 3:23 (NIV) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Can it be fixed? - The CROSS of Jesus Christ

Romans 3:22-25 (NIV) This righteousness from God comes THROUGH faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, [23] for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, [24] and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. [25] God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood...