



### Psalm 8 New Revised Standard Version

- 1 O LORD, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.
- 2 Out of the mouths of babes and infants  
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.
- 3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;
- 4 what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?
- 5 Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honor.
- 6 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,
- 7 all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,
- 8 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
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how majestic is your name in all the earth!



God. That very word brings up a variety of responses depending upon the audience. For many, God is our source of life and a stronghold for the tough times we face. For some, God is a “nice old man” passing his time in a place far, far

away from us and our concerns. For others, God is a cantankerous fellow who is out to get even when people do something wrong. But for a growing population, the idea of “a God” is mere fantasy.

It is easy for those in the Christian community to sneer at the opinions of those who identify as being “atheist” or “agnostic.” We think to ourselves, “How dare they suggest there is no such thing as God!” One might suggest, “To believe in God is to be anti-intellectual.” Another may say, “With all of the chaos and confusion in this world, how can there possibly be a God?” I am reminded at this point of a book penned a few years ago by Craig Groeschel entitled The Christian Atheist. The premise of Groeschel’s work is that some people get the wrong impression of God because “Christians profess a belief in God, but live as though God does not exist.”

What does it mean when we say week after week in unison, “We believe in God the Father Almighty...”? Who is this God to us and, if God is so significant to us, how does that belief shape our living? The words of the Psalmist profess belief in a God who is holy and elevated above creation, but still desires to be in relationship with humanity. When we, like the Psalmist, look at the created order we see beauty, structure, and interdependence keeping this thing we call “Earth” going around.

Creation speaks of the reality of God for without God there would be nothing. As the great thinker Aristotle perceived long ago, there must be an “unmoved mover” at work behind the scenes putting this life into existence and order. When we confess to believing in God, we are saying:

1. There is someone working to make this life possible.
2. My life is not the center of this universe.
3. My belief in God calls me to live responsibly.

**Prayer Pebble:** Lord, allow my belief in you to cause those who do not believe to question their disbelief.



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