PSALM 8

Intro:

- A. A call to worship and recognize that God is above all and over all.
- B. A call to understand the greatness of God's creation and the incomprehensible love and favor He has bestowed on man.

Verse 1 "How majest

"How majestic is your name..."

- A. O LORD Note all caps. This is His revealed name. See Ex. 3:13-15. The letters of the Hebrew stem for the word "I AM" are the same letters used in the Hebrew word we translate as LORD. The Hebrew word is *Yahweh*.
 - 1. The "I" impresses upon us that He is a personal being.
 - 2. See <u>Jn. 8:58</u>; <u>Heb. 13:8 then Mal. 3:6</u>.
- B. O LORD, our Lord... the second Lord with upper case <u>L</u> and lower case <u>o-r-d</u> is Adonai King or Ruler.
- C. In light of the thinking that we should be more sensitive to and accepting of the gods of other beliefs consider <u>Deut. 4:35 & 39</u>; <u>Deut. 5:7</u>; <u>Is. 43:10,11</u>; <u>44:6</u>; <u>45:5,6,18,21,22</u>; <u>Jn. 5:44</u>; <u>I Cor. 8:4</u>; I <u>Tim. 1:17</u>.
- Verse 2 Lets start with Mat. 21:14-16. ("Children paidia crying out in the temple").
 - A. Some see "infants" as a reference to people who are not all that knowledgeable. Consider I Cor. 1:26-31.
 - B. See <u>Ps. 22:9.</u> Consider <u>Acts 2:38,39</u> (children *teknon* denoting a personal relationship). <u>Note Mt. 18:6.</u> *micron*.
- Verse 3 A look at the night sky in a place removed from artificial light is breathtaking!
- Verses 4-6 The word used for man is Adam "adamah" "ground" or "earth". See <u>Gen.</u> 3:19.
 - A. "...the term son of man expresses mankind's susceptibility to death and decay. Jesus referred to Himself some 70 times as 'the Son of man,' thereby calling attention to His solidarity with mortal man in His suffering and dying but also asserting His divine, eternal nature hidden in His human person. (e.g., Mt. 9:6; 25:31; Lk. 18:31-33)." -Walter Roehrs.
 - B. <u>Heb. 2:6-9; Phil 2:7-9</u>.
 - C. Regarding v. 6 see Eph. 1:22.
- Verses 7,8 He is truly over everything, including our every moment. <u>Job 14:5</u>; <u>Ps. 139:16</u>; <u>Prov. 20:24.</u>
- Verse 9 Indeed, how majestic is His name!