

Psalms 8

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How Majestic Is Your Name

- 1** O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.
 - 2** Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.
 - 3** When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;
 - 4** What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?
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- 5** For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.
 - 6** Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:
 - 7** All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;
 - 8** The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.
 - 9** O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Glory — כְּבוֹד (Kavod)

Glory, weight, honor

The Hebrew **kavod** (כְּבוֹד) literally means 'weight' or 'heaviness,' metaphorically denoting glory, honor, or majesty. God's glory (Shekinah) filled the tabernacle (Exodus 40:34) and temple (1 Kings 8:11).

Heaven — שָׁמַיִם (Shamayim)

Heaven, sky

The Hebrew **shamayim** (שָׁמַיִם) means heaven or sky—God's dwelling place and the realm above earth. 'The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's' (Psalm 115:16), yet 'the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him' (1 Kings 8:27).

God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

CROSS REFERENCES

Psalms 8:1 **References Lord:** Psalms 8:9; Isaiah 26:13; Revelation 19:6. **Glory:** Psalms 57:5; 148:13; Exodus 15:11; Habakkuk 3:3. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 81:1; 145:1; Hebrews 7:26

Psalms 8:2 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 4:4; 44:16; 46:10; Exodus 15:16; Isaiah 40:31; Habakkuk 2:20; Matthew 11:25; 21:16; Luke 10:21; 1 Corinthians 1:27

Psalms 8:3 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 33:6; 89:11; 104:19; 111:2; Genesis 1:1; Exodus 8:19; 31:18; Job 22:12; Luke 11:20; Romans 1:20

Psalms 8:4 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 80:17; 106:4; 144:3; 146:3; 2 Chronicles 6:18; Job 7:17; 25:6; Isaiah 51:12; Matthew 8:20; Luke 1:68

Psalms 8:5 **Glory:** Hebrews 2:7; 2:9. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 103:4; Genesis 2:7; Ephesians 1:21; Hebrews 2:16

Psalms 8:6

Parallel theme: Psalms 110:1; Genesis 1:26; 1:28; 9:2; Matthew 28:18; Ephesians 1:22; Hebrews 2:8. **Creation:** Hebrews 1:2; 1 Peter 3:22

Psalms 8:7 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 2:20

Psalms 8:8 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 148:10

Psalms 8:9 **References Lord:** Psalms 8:1; 104:24. **Parallel theme:** Job 11:7

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