

# SONGS of the *Messiah*

## JESUS CHRIST IN THE PSALMS

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### I. AN ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE - PSALM 8:1-2

#### A. The person addressed - Jehovah, our God

#### B. Nature of our God

1. His majesty, splendor, glory, and greatness found in all the earth
2. His majesty, splendor, glory, and greatness is greater than creation.

#### C. Even little children can see it.

1. Seems to imply that the capacity to be awed by God is often diminished with age.
2. This praise of little children will confront adversaries of God with their foolishness.

### II. THE REASON FOR DAVID'S PRAISE - PSALM 8:3-8

#### A. An act of humiliation

1. When I consider the heavens
  - a. Their immensity
  - b. Their permanence

#### PSALM 8

*For the choir director; on the Gittith. A Psalm of David.*

1 O Lord, our Lord,  
How majestic is Your name  
in all the earth,  
Who have displayed Your splendor  
above the heavens!  
2 From the mouth of infants and nursing  
babes You have established strength  
Because of Your adversaries,  
To make the enemy and  
the revengeful cease.  
3 When I consider Your heavens, the  
work of Your fingers,  
The moon and the stars, which You  
have ordained;  
4 What is man that You  
take thought of him,  
And the son of man that You  
care for him?  
5 Yet You have made him a  
little lower than God,  
And You crown him  
with glory and majesty!  
6 You make him to rule over  
the works of Your hands;  
You have put all things under his feet,  
7 All sheep and oxen,  
And also the beasts of the field,  
8 The birds of the heavens and  
the fish of the sea,  
Whatever passes through the paths of  
the seas.  
9 O Lord, our Lord,  
How majestic is Your name in  
all the earth!

2. What is man?
  - a. In his smallness
  - b. In his frailty
3. What is man that You take thought of him?

### **B. An act of faith**

1. David's meditation turns to the Word of God - Genesis 1.
2. David's "faith-understanding" of man
  - a. You have made him a little lower than God.
    - (1) Gen. 1:26 - Let Us make man in Our image.
  - b. You have crowned him with glory and honor.
    - (1) Gen. 1:26 - Let Us make man in Our image.
    - (2) Man is a king crowned by God.
  - c. You make him to rule.
    - (1) Gen. 1:26 - And let them rule over...

## **III. RETURN TO THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE - PSALM 8:9**

**A. O Jehovah, our God, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.**

### GENESIS 1 : 2 6

Then God said,  
"Let Us make man in Our image,  
according to Our likeness;  
and let them rule  
over the fish of the sea  
and over the birds of the sky  
and over the cattle  
and over all the earth,  
and over every creeping thing that creeps  
on the earth."

### PSALM 8 : 5 - 6

5 Yet You have made him  
a little lower than God,  
And You crown him with glory  
and majesty!  
6 You make him to rule over the works  
of Your hands;  
You have put all things under his feet...