

Psalm 8 – Bible Study Notes Praise God for Who He Is and What He Does

Background context: The author and historical context of the writing is unknown. However, this psalm does exemplify the traits of a hymn.

Outline Structure:

- I. Praise the Lord for who He is (vv. 1-2, 9)
 - A. Subject of the song (vv. 1a, 9)
 - B. General revelation of God (v. 1b)
 - C. God seeks the heart of a child (v. 2)
- II. Praise the Lord for what He does (vv. 3-8)
 - A. The wonder of man vs. splendor of nature (vv. 3-4)
 - B. Man chosen as exclusive creation of all nature (vv. 5-8)

Praise the Lord for who He is (vv. 1-2, 9)

Verses 1a & 9 – the subject of the song.

This is a song of praise to God's:

- _____;
- _____;
- _____.

Verse 1b – general revelation of God.

God and His glory are revealed in nature.

Life Questions
How does nature show us God exists?

Verse 2 – God seeks the heart of a child.

Childlike attributes God seeks include:

- Absolute _____;
- Complete _____;
- _____ hearts;
- _____ lives.

Praise the Lord for what He does (vv. 3-8)

Verses 3-4 – the wonder of man vs. splendor of nature.

Contrast of nature vs. man.

Nature is _____ ... man is _____.

Nature _____ man... man _____ nature.

Verses 5-8 – man chosen outside of nature.

Man is selected to rule over nature.

Life Question

Why did God choose man out of all His creation to rule over the rest of nature?

Man differs from nature because:

- God Himself _____ life into man;
- Man is created in the image of God;
- Man _____ to sin;
- Man is given forgiveness, grace, mercy, salvation.

Life Question

What, specifically, can you do to praise God every day over the next week... month... year... whole life?