

Part 2 - The Greatness of YHVH – Taking Dominion

In part 1 we learned that God's Holy name is much more honorable and glorious than anyone else's in earth, or in heaven, because He is the one and only *true* God and Creator of all things. He's therefore the Supreme and Sovereign God who rules all and sees all, even though His Temple is 'above the heavens'. And we also learned why He most often uses the 'weak things' of this world (such a young people and those who are not educated in the ways of the world) to make His mighty power known. It's because, when God uses people who the world does not consider to be 'mighty' or 'smart', God's glory and power is manifested. In other words, if God can use even the 'young' and the 'ignorant' to overcome the power of Satan, it shows just how powerful (and righteous) He truly is. As 1 Cor 1:25 says: *the weakness of God is stronger than men*. The bottom line is, God uses those *who's heart is right with Him*. Those who truly love Him and seek to obey Him, no matter their age or position is in this life. And one of the best examples in the Old Testament is how He elevated a young shepherd boy (the youngest of eight sons) to, not only become a famous warrior in Israel, but also *the king* of Israel. As Ps 113:7-8 says: *He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth the needy out of the dunghill; That he may set him with princes, even with the princes of his people*. So, while the world seeks out those who are the smartest and most skilled in their fields to rule with, they also will only use people who are spiritually weak and easily corruptible. God, on the other hand, chooses people who are spiritually strong in faith (in Him) and un-corruptible in spirit – those who will remain faithful to Him *no matter what happens*. And *that's* how He makes His might, and power, and Holiness known to the *entire* world. We'll continue on now, with this Psalms 8 to see what else David prays about...

Psalms 8

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?

Have you ever looked up at the stars on a clear night and just wondered with amazement at the beauty of them? They truly are a 'work of art'. Consider what God said to Job...

31 Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion?

32 Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?

33 Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?

Job 38:31-33

God is asking if Job can change any of the signs in the Zodiac, or if he knows how the 'ordinances of heaven' work. Or, if he even knows how all of nature on earth works. Certainly, we don't. Yet, our Heavenly Father does. Ps 147:4 says that, *He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names*. And in Isa 40:26 God says: *Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth*. So, our Heavenly Father knows how many stars there are and even calls them by names. And the account

in Job also tells us that God knows all the signs of Zodiac by name because, He not only formed them but *named* them. And He gave this information (about the Zodiac) early on in the history of mankind because the stars also testify to His ‘plan of Salvation’. For what it’s worth, the historian Josephus wrote that Adam and his son, Seth, are credited with the invention of letters and the Zodiac and Enoch is accredited as being the recorder of the special wisdom relating to astronomy and prophesy. If you haven’t ever studied up on the Zodiac, consider the book ‘*The Glory of the Stars*’ by E. Raymond Capt or the ‘*Witness of the Stars*’ by Dr. Bullinger [<https://t.me/BestStudyBible/14>]. Consider also the book on ‘*Numbers in Scripture*’ [<https://t.me/BestStudyBible/15>] to see how nature itself testifies, along with the stars, of God’s Divine Hand in creating them.

So, when David looked up at the stars, in awe, he felt very small and this is easy to relate to! That’s why He asked what ‘man’ is to God that He cares for us so much. The term ‘what is man’ is actually a figure of speech called ‘*Erotesis*’, which is where a question is asked, not for information, or for an answer. There’re several reasons this figure of speech is used but one of them (which fits this verse) is in wonder and admiration (Apx 6). This verse also makes the mind think of another Psalm that speaks of the stars...

*1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.
2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.
3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.
4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,
5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.
6 His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.*
Ps 19:1-6

How can the stars ‘speak’ in a language that everyone can understand? Because pictures speak in a universal language, to all people everywhere. This is why Paul quotes verse 4 in Rom 10:18 to make the point that the world *should have known* the promised Messiah had come – obviously, because the stars themselves recorded it. That is, after all, how the ‘wise men from the East’ were able to know the Messiah had been born (Mth 2). And God made sure the knowledge of the Zodiac was shared throughout the world, so most people in the ancient world understood it. Of course, it has been corrupted in many nations since that time, but the point is that the knowledge was sent out to the entire world, just as Psalms 19 declares. And even if one is ignorant of the Zodiac, it’s hard not to wonder *why* the stars appear in specific alignments, night after night, if one takes the time to look at them. So, the stars do witness to us, even today. That’s not to say we should make a religion out of it. Astrology goes against what the Bible tells us the stars were created for. Gen 1:14 records that God said: *Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years*. So, the stars don’t have any power over our lives but rather, they are for times and seasons

and ‘for signs’ to explain God’s plan of salvation. For this reason, it’s wise to be familiar with them but (again), we shouldn’t make a religion out of them.

Now, since David had been a shepherd in his younger years, he undoubtedly spent a lot of time looking at the stars. And as such, he wondered in amazement at them and felt very ‘small’ in comparison to them. And this caused him to ask *What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?* As we learned, the words ‘what is man’ are a figure of speech denoting wonder and admiration. And that’s what caused David to ask God *why* He cares *so much* about us here on earth. The *Companion Bible* points out that the words ‘the son of man’ *do not have the article*, which means it is not speaking of THE Son of Man, Jesus Christ (Mth 9:6; 12:8,32,40; 13:37; 16:13,27-28; John 5:27, 6:27, 12:23). So, David is simply wondering why God cares so much about ‘little ol’ flesh man’, which is truly a natural feeling when you look up at the beauty of the stars. The word ‘visitest’ is *paqad* (#6485), which is a primitive root that means: *to visit* (with friendly or hostile intent); by analogy, *to oversee, muster, charge, care for, miss, deposit*, etc. So, when David speaks of God ‘visiting’ (overseeing and caring for us) mankind (those who are in a flesh body, here on earth) he’s asking why God even cares about us or is concerned about us. The answer is obvious: because He loves us! As Rev 4:11 says, He has created all things *for His pleasure*. And it pleases Him *immensely* when we sincerely love Him. That is, after all, why Jesus summarized the first five Commandments by saying: *Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind* (Matt 22:37). And He was simply quoting from what Moses said in Deut 6:4-5. Paul also quotes verse 4 in the New Testament, but we’ll look at that after we look at the other verses he quotes along with it...

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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.

These are interesting verses. First off, verse 5 tells us that God has made flesh man ‘a little lower’ than the angels. This means our physical (flesh) bodies are ‘lower’ than the bodies we have when we are not in the flesh. To learn more about this, check out the special study on **Spiritual and Material Dimensions** [<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/263>]. Secondly, David says that God ‘crowned’ flesh man with ‘glory and honor’. The *Companion Bible* points out in its notes that this refers to the ‘second man’, who is (of course) Jesus Christ. As Paul said...

45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

46 Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

47 The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.
1 Cor 15:45-47

In verse 45 above, Paul quotes from Gen 2:7, which says: *And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.* Verse 46 then goes on to explain that before we can be a ‘quickening’ spirit (i.e. have eternal life) we *must* come to earth in a flesh body (that which is natural). Jesus explained this also in John 3. And in John 5:21, Jesus said: *For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.* This again points to the fact that if we want to live forever, we must accept Jesus Christ for, *if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you* (Rom 8:11). Paul reiterates this in Phil 3:21 when He said that, when Jesus Christ returns, he will *change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.* So again, when verse 5 in this Psalms 8 speaks of how God *hast crowned him with glory and honour* it is speaking of the ‘second man’ Jesus Christ. God literally formed Adam’s body from the clay (the first Adamic ‘man’) and then He literally formed Jesus’ body because He literally begat Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit, as Luke 1:35 tells us. This then is why Hebrews says, speaking of Jesus Christ...

Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.
Heb 2:8

God indeed has given all dominion of heaven and earth to Jesus Christ, which is what Jesus also said in John 5:22 and in Mth 28:18-20. Peter also declares this in 2 Peter 1:16-18 when he spoke of the ‘transfiguration’ of Jesus Christ on the mount, as Mth 17:1-6 and Mk 9:1-8 records. While Jesus was ‘transfigured’ God spoke from heaven saying that: *This is my beloved Son: hear him.* (Mark 9:7). So, God Himself testified that Jesus was His Son, which shows He would indeed ‘crown’ Him with ‘glory and honor’, just as this Psalms 8:5 says. In verse 6 (of this Psalms 8) David then goes on to point out how God gave flesh man dominion over the ‘work’ of God’s hands. And this is true, as Gen 1:26-28 tells us. And we should take dominion over the earth (through the power of the Holy Spirit within us), starting with our own mind, body and soul and then moving on to our family and whatever area of influence the Holy Spirit guides us to. So, just because God gave Jesus Christ dominion over all things, does not relinquish us from our duty to take dominion. Jesus Christ gives us power of *all* the enemy (Lk 10:19). So, when He gives us His Holy Spirit, the purpose is to help us take spiritual dominion by spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. That’s why we serve Him – to ‘occupy’ spiritually (and physically if enough people in a nation convert to Christianity, as the Christian Era showed how it’s possible) as the parable in Luke 19 tells us to. Learn more about ‘taking dominion’ in the specials study on **Why Blame God?** [<https://t.me/BibleStudyGodsWord/441>].

And then (in vs 6), David again speaks of the ‘second man’, Jesus Christ’ when stating that ‘*thou hast put all things under his feet*’. And the reason David keeps comparing the ‘first man’ Adam to the ‘second Man’ Jesus Christ is because *Adam fell to sin*. He therefore *failed in His commission*. That’s why God sent His own Son (who is truly God incarnated as John 1:1,14; 10:30, Heb 1:3, Col 1:15-19 and 2:9 tell us) to finish the ‘job’ that Adam (and all his descendants) failed to do. David then goes on, in verses 7-8 of this Psalm 8, to speak of six things that God gave the ‘first man’ Adam, dominion over. Six in Biblical Numerics [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/960>] signifies: *Weakness of Man, Evils of Satan, Manifestation of Sin* – showing us that, because of man’s weakness to sin (due to the evils of Satan), God sent His own Son (the ‘second man’, which He ‘formed’ through begetting Him) to take the ‘dominion’ over all His creation, which Adam failed to do. [To learn how God created all the races and then created Adam in the studies **Three World Ages**: <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/190?single>, **Adam Was Not the First Man** <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/430> or check out the first and second chapters of Genesis: <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/183>]. The book of Hebrews also explains this beautifully...

*9 But we see Jesus, **who was made a little lower than the angels** for the suffering of death, **crowned with glory and honour** [Ps 8:5]; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.*

10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

11 For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,

12 Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.

13 And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me.

*14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise **took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;***

15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

*16 For verily **he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.***

*17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, **that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.***

18 For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

Heb 2:9-18

These verses in Hebrews 2 point out what Psalms 8 refers to in regards to how flesh man was made a ‘little lower than the angels’. Likewise, so was God’s only begotten Son, Jesus Christ (God incarnated into the flesh) made as a flesh body. And again, Jesus Christ truly was ‘crowned

with glory and honor’ because, as John 1:14 says: *the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, **the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,**) full of grace and truth*. Jesus Christ (the Word of God, who IS God) came into a flesh body and He alone had the glory of God living in His flesh body; that’s why He was full of grace and truth. That’s also why He never once sinned in Body or Spirit (Heb 4:15, 2 Cor 5:21, 1 Peter 2:22, 1 John 3:5). And verse 14 of Hebrews 2 tells us God Himself came to earth (incarnated into a flesh body, through the lineage of Abraham, Issac, Jacob and David) specifically so He could take the dominion over all the earth that Adam failed to do. We must also understand that, this also refers to Satan’s rebellion, for verse 14 says *that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil*. So, Adam’s job was not just to take dominion over all the earthly animals, but also over all evil, even all those who would rebel against the Most-High God. That’s why Adam had access to the ‘tree of life’, so that he could have the strength, knowledge and power to take full dominion. But, because he and Eve partook of the ‘tree of knowledge of good and evil’ (who is Satan himself), He failed in his commission and they were cast out of the garden of Eden. To learn more about Adam’s failed commission, check out the following special studies...

Do You Know, Part 1 - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/243>

Do You Know, Part 2 - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/244>

Psalms 8

9 O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

The chapter ends by duplicating the first verse of the chapter. This is to emphasize the point that our Lord, YHWH, is truly the Supreme and Sovereign ruler over all the earth and in heaven. And, if we learn to glorify (and worship) God (not ourselves or idols) then we’ll have the victory (over death) just as David did. Now, this Psalm ends with a subtitle. As we have previously learned, the subtitle appears in most Bibles at the beginning of the next chapter, but actually should be at the end of this chapter, so we’ll cover it now...

To the chief Musician upon Muth-lab'-ben

Now, we’ve already learned that the words ‘*To the chief Musician*’ mean ‘to He that has the victory’ or ‘to He that gives the victory’ – which, of course, is Jesus Christ (apx 64). But the word ‘*Muth-lab'-ben*’ means ‘to the death of the champion’, referring to David’s victory over Goliath (see notes in Companion Bible). But, as with many accounts in David’s life, this is a type for us today (Ecc 1:9). Consider how Rev 13 tells us that Satan’s wicked governing system “the beast” is wounded, *by a sword* (Rev 13:14). And, as we’ve already learned, the spiritual sword is God’s Word (Eph 6:17, Rev 2:16, 19:15, 21). Therefore, just as God used David to take down the giant Goliath (David killed Him with a stone but then cut off his head with his own sword), so too will God use His servants to spiritually cut into Satan’s lies and help take down this terrible ‘beast’ in these ‘end days’ (Mth 10:18-22, Mk 13:9-13, Lk 21:12-19, Rev 11). But, because it is the Holy Spirit that speaks through His servants that does the ‘cutting’ of the lies, to Him belongs

all the glory. So, let us continue to *grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever* (2 Peter 3:18).

AMEN.