

This Psalm is not primarily about God although it starts there.

It is about man. If your view of God is _____ then your view of man is distorted and that has tremendous implications/applications. Implications for how you treat men/women/children/elderly/poor/homeless and the hungry/the preborn.

v. 4 **What is man...**? A rhetorical question.

Nothing - a speck on a speck.

It points to our seeming _____.

“Man is the product of causes that had no prevision of the end they were achieving. His origins, his hopes, his loves, his beliefs are but the outcome of accidental collocation of atoms. All the labors of the ages, all the devotion, inspiration and brightness of human genius are destined to extinction in the vast death of the solar system. Only on the scaffolding of these truths, only on the firm foundation of unyielding despair can the soul’s habitation be safely built.” Bertrand Russell

“I know you feel like there is human dignity, that there is such a thing as human rights. The fact is if you believe science there is no such thing as dignity or human rights.” John Gray

Everything -

that you are mindful of him - having him on your _____.
The son of man that you visit him - _____ for him.

Creation says God _____. We are the special, unique creation of a personal, loving, caring God.

Redemption is implied in that he _____ us. He is Immanuel. God comes to us in the person of Christ.

To man is given glory, honor and _____.
But we do not yet see all things subjected to him.
But we do see Jesus... Hebrews 2:6-10

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Series: Ashes - a Lenten series

Speaker: Rev. Carl Johnson

Title: The Glory of God, The Glory of Man

Text: Psalm 8

Psalm 8 - “a short, exquisite lyric” C.S. Lewis
“This Psalm is an unsurpassed example of what a hymn should be, celebrating as it does the glory and grace of God, rehearsing who he is...”. Derek Kidner

Theme: The _____ of God and the _____ of man in his universe.

Outline

I. The surpassing majesty of God (1-3)

II. The confession of the insignificance of man (4)

III. Astonishment at the significance of man (5-8).

IV. Repetition of the first lines (9)

The dominant theme is the description of man and his place in the created order but the psalm does not begin there. In order to appreciate _____ and truly understand him one must appreciate the _____.

Creation is so _____ to Christianity. That is why the enemy attacks the doctrine of creation.

“No one created the universe and no one directs our fate. This leads me to a profound realization. There is probably no heaven, and no afterlife either.” Stephen Hawking

v. 3 I see the work of your fingers - God is an _____