

## International Conversation Cafe

Bible Topic: God, the Amazing Creator, Psalm 8

Have you ever stood at the ocean's edge and felt how very small you are? Or perhaps you have been on a mountain peak, or gazed at the endless prairie sky and realized how powerless you are? Maybe you have studied DNA and walked away with awe at its complexity. These similar emotions of humility led King David to write the following Psalm.

### **Psalm 8          A psalm of David.**

- <sup>1</sup> Lord, our Lord,  
    how majestic is your name in the whole earth!  
You have made your glory  
    higher than the heavens.
- <sup>2</sup> You have made sure that children  
    and infants praise you.  
You have done it because of your enemies.  
    You have done it to put a stop to their talk.

Majestic means magnificent, grand, dignified. God is described as majestic.

*What are some other things you have seen that could be described as "majestic"?*

Verse 2 speaks of children who recognize God when adults do not.

*Have you ever had an experience where children spoke wisdom, perhaps unwittingly, in the presence of adults?*

- <sup>3</sup> I think about the heavens.  
    I think about what your fingers have created.  
I think about the moon and stars  
    that you have set in place.
- <sup>4</sup> What is a human being that you think about him?  
    What is a son of man that you take care of him?

*Verse 3 implies the heavens were made by God using his fingers, figuratively speaking. To do something with our fingers implies it is easy, it does not require great strength.*

*What does this say about God: his power, intellect, creativity?*

*When David looked at the night sky and realized its vastness, he was amazed that God cared for people. How does God's care for people suggest about God's understanding, compassion, power?*

- <sup>5</sup> You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings.  
You placed on him a crown of glory and honor.
- <sup>6</sup> You made human beings the rulers over all that your hands have created.  
You put everything under their control.
- <sup>7</sup> They rule over all flocks and herds  
and over the wild animals.
- <sup>8</sup> They rule over the birds of the air  
and over the fish in the ocean.  
They rule over everything that swims in the oceans.
- <sup>9</sup> Lord, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in the whole earth!

*In verse 5, God creates humans with glory and honor. What accomplishments of people are honorable? Verses 5-6 are applied to Jesus Christ by one of the New Testament writers. In what way do you think Jesus fulfills these words?*

#### **Reflections on David's words**

- 1. When was the first time you began to think about God?*
- 2. What are some of the stories you heard?*
- 3. In some ways, people are like God. How are they alike?*
- 4. In what ways are people different from God?*
- 5. What questions does this Scripture bring to your mind?*
- 6. Do these thoughts change your attitude towards God or people? If so, in what way?*