

Psalm 8 ‘Our God. Our Glory’

- New Year is a God given opportunity to reflect on our direction in life.
- It is good for us to ask why God has preserved us for a new year.
- It’s a good opportunity to redefine and refocus on Biblical goals for life.
- The place to begin is with God who created our lives & gives purpose to them
- Title of this sermon ‘Our God, our glory’ should be ascribed over all our lives

I. Jehovah, Our Adoni

- Most striking feature of Ps.8 is the dominant theme of man in the created order
- But David begins with celebrating surpassing majesty of God- man in context.
- David praises God in this hymn calling upon two of God’s great names
- Jehovah is magnificent, His glory is so awesome, it “is above the heavens”
- Creation speaks of the glory of God, yet nowhere is this more clear than in the Lord Jesus, that’s why the people shouted “Hosanna to the Son of David”.

II. What is Man?

- David is struck with the thought, in the midst of the wonders of creation; man seems so insignificant and trivial: “what is man that you are mindful of him?”

III. Looking up or looking down

- God is not some detached impersonal being who is not concerned with us.
- David says, God not only thinks about us but he really cares for us vs. 4
- Though man seems insignificant, God has set him above creation.
- God has made man to be His image bearer, reflecting his glory on earth vs.5
- David stresses: “You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings”
- Because fallen humanity rejects God, they look to the animal world and so in turn become like the very animals they seek to find their identity from.

IV. We See Jesus

- David returns to the worship of God! How we most clearly see God’s glory
- God sent Jesus to save us from sin and succeed where Adam failed.
- Hebrews applies verse 5 to Jesus’ humanity: **Heb 2: 7-8** see Philip 2: 8-11
- Though everything does not seem subject to Jesus yet, it will be one day: Heb 2:9; 3:1. When we see Jesus, we are looking up and sing with David in vs.9