

January 23

Psalms 8

My Heart Filled with His Fame

“O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouth of babes and nursing children hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou might still the enemy and the avenger. When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou made him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas. O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!”

When we love someone, and we're not at rest with our relationship with him or her, it takes words of reconciliation to bring us to peace and remedy the conflict. Our Heavenly Father has surrounded us with His message of reconciliation. Christ Jesus, His Son is the Source of all things that were made, and He is the second Adam who who has dominion over all God's creation. He pleads with every heart to receive His message of reconciliation - which is written on our heart and consciences, and in every strand of our DNA and in every square inch of the universe!

“All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.” ~ 2 Corinthians 5:18-19

The word “excellent” in Psalms 8 refers to the majestic fame of a king. Yes, King Jesus' fame is seen in the things that He's made throughout all the earth. But when He humbled himself and became a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, to be the Captain of our salvation, His fame spread not only in His work of creation, but even more in His work of redemption and healing. His disciples could not eat because His fame spread so much that they were non-stop encompassed

by the crowd. Then, in His death and resurrection, our greatest enemy, the devil, was defeated - the one who had held us in bondage our whole life by the fear of death. He was defeated because death had no more sting, because what we could not do God did in fulfilling the righteous requirements of the law - by becoming sin for us on the cross. Then He ascended to heaven, and entered the tabernacle of God, made without human hands, in the Heavens and presented the complete sacrifice of Himself once for all. For those who have received from the heart His death and resurrection as their salvation from sin, the Holy Spirit has been poured out in their hearts. Then out of the abundance of the heart their mouths speak of what great things the Lord has done for them. Yes, our mouths become the mouths of little children who silence the enemy and the avenger - both in our lives, and in the lives of those around us - through the Word of reconciliation. The avenger is silenced because all punishment worthy of the vengeance of God was put on Christ.

So let us sing with the Psalmist, and say "when we consider the heavens, the work of your fingers, what is man that you are mindful of him"? O look and see your God humbling Himself to become a man! At this present time in your life, you might not be able to see everything subjective under Jesus's rule. Many things might seem out of order. But don't let that keep you from seeing the One who was made a little lower than the angels, so you could be called his brothers and sisters.

"At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone."

Now God has highly exalted Him, and set in Him His glory above the heavens. We who are in Christ are also seated in heavenly places with him. This is ours for now and eternity, because He tasted of death for everyone!

Considering that the God who made the stars has made us His home, let us sing in His sanctuary, our hearts, how excellent is Your name in all the earth!

"For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere, 'What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under his feet.'

Now in putting everything in subjection to Him, He left nothing outside His control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to Him. But we see Him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

For it was fitting that He, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the Founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. For He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers.”
Hebrews 2:5-11