

# Psalm 8:1-9 Discussion Questions

## Sermon Outline

- **Introduction**
  - We begin our series called “We Cry Out”, A Prayer Journey through the Psalms
  - Dual Lensed Approach (seeing things from far way and seeing things close up)
    - The big picture of God and his Majesty and the close intimate details of his creation
  - Structure of the Gospel narrative
    - Creation- God Is Holy
    - Fall- We Are Sinners
    - Redemption- Jesus Saves
    - Restoration- Jesus Sends Us
  
- **Table of Contents**
  - Majesty and Magnitude
  - A Generous Authority
  
- **Majesty and Magnitude (v.1-4)**
  - **David expresses praise when thinking about the majesty of God's name and the magnitude of his work of creation compared to the smallness of humanity.**
  
  - The Majesty of God's name
    - YHWH- I will be what I will be
    - Exodus 20.7
    - **“You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name”**
  
  - The Magnitude of creation
    - The smallness of man compared to the expanse of the stars
  
- **A Generous Authority (v.4-9)**
  - **David continues to marvel at the LORD's generosity in sharing dominion and authority with humanity.**
    - A little lower than “heavenly beings”- Elohim
  
- **Implications**
  - Inverting our roles leads to unspeakable danger
    - Seeing ourselves as the primary agents of authority in our lives leads to destruction, ruin, and subjugation.
    - Seeing the LORD as small leads to weak prayer and anemic worship

## *Discussion Questions*

*Feel free to choose what questions will be most helpful to your group to grow in their understanding of the Scripture and faithfully apply it to their lives.*

*Read Psalm 8:1-9 and Hebrews 2:5-9*

*In this sermon we saw the Majesty of God and the Magnitude of the love he has for us. We, who have been made a little lower than the heavenly beings, have been given dominion over all creation. It is amazing that he would give us this authority even after the fall. His generosity towards us is never ending and yet while we were yet sinners he still died for us.*

*1. In Psalm 8 1-4, we see the majesty of God stands for a power and strength that stands above all; above the mountains, above the earth, and above the universe. We, however may strive to make ourselves to appear better than others in status, wealth, knowledge, or power. We become God in our own eyes when compared to others.*

*A. How do we in our lives make our circumstances, shortcomings, or challenges appear to be bigger than God?*

*B. Is there anyone in your life whom you need to repent and seek forgiveness since you may have misused your power and authority over them?*

*C. When you think about God's generosity towards us, how do you describe it to other people?*

*D. What dangers exist in your life where you invert the role of God in order to accomplish what you want?*

*2. In Psalm 8:5-9, God reveals that even though we are small compared to him, he has been generous to us in his authority and given us dominion over the works of his hand.*

*A. Do we pray like it's up to us to accomplish this big thing or keep our prayers small to not be disappointed? Share an example of a big prayer that needs to be given to God, which you may be holding back?*

*B. As Jesus came and was subject to his own creation so that he could redeem us, who is the person whom God is asking you to be bold and share the hope that he has placed in you this year? Share with your group the first person who comes to your mind.*

***Take some time to repent and pray for those areas where you may have made our God, small or limited in power so that he may accomplish all that he desires in your life.***