

Consider: The Right Kind of Small

Text: Psalm 8

Supporting Text: Hebrews 2:8–9

Bottom Line:

The heavens tell you how small you are. The cross tells you how loved you are. You need both to know who you are.

Key Idea:

Psalm 8 invites us to look up long enough to recover the right view of God and the right view of ourselves. We are small enough to worship, yet loved enough to be crowned with glory and honor. Perspective comes before priorities.

READ

Read **Psalm 8** aloud.

David looks at the heavens, the moon, and the stars, and asks, “What is mankind that you are mindful of them?” The vastness of creation makes him feel small, but not insignificant. Instead, it leads him to wonder that the God who made all things is mindful of human beings and has crowned them with glory and honor.

Then read **Hebrews 2:8–9**.

Hebrews reminds us that we do not yet see everything as it should be. But we do see Jesus, the true human, crowned with glory and honor through His suffering and death.

DISCUSS

1. What tends to capture most of your attention during a normal week: problems, screens, work, family, news, worries, success, comparison, or something else?
 2. Why is there a difference between glancing at something and truly considering it?
 3. Psalm 8 makes David feel small, but in a freeing way. What is the difference between the smallness that comes from comparison and the smallness that comes from wonder?
 4. How does Jesus help us understand both our humility and our honor?
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COME AND SEE

God's Majesty Reorders Our Attention

Psalm 8 begins and ends with worship: "LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" David's attention is lifted from himself to the glory of God. Worship begins when we stop glancing and start considering. To consider is to give sustained attention to something until you begin to understand it.

See also: **Psalm 19:1–4; Isaiah 40:25–26; Romans 1:20**

Wonder Makes Us the Right Kind of Small

When David considers the heavens, he is sized appropriately. The vastness of creation humbles him, but it also frees him from pretending to be the center of everything.

See also: **Job 38:1–7; Psalm 103:13–17; Isaiah 55:8–9**

God Is Mindful of Us

Psalm 8 asks why God would be mindful of human beings. In Scripture, when God "remembers" or is mindful, He does not merely notice. He cares and moves toward His people.

See also: **Genesis 8:1; Exodus 2:23–25; 1 Samuel 1:19–20; Luke 12:6–7**

Human Beings Are Crowned with Glory and Honor

We are not God, but we are made in His image and entrusted with meaningful vocation. Dominion is not domination. It is stewardship under God's rule for the flourishing of creation.

See also: **Genesis 1:26–28; Genesis 2:15; Psalm 115:16**

We See Jesus

Hebrews 2 tells us that we do not yet see everything under humanity's feet. Sin, grief, fear, injustice, and death still distort the world. But we do see Jesus, who became human, suffered death, and is crowned with glory and honor.

See also: **John 1:14; Philippians 2:5–11; Colossians 1:15–20**

FOLLOW ME**1. Consider What Has Your Attention**

We become shaped by what we stare at.

- What are you giving sustained attention to right now?
- Where are you glancing at God but considering everything else?
- How is your attention forming your anxiety, identity, priorities, or relationships?

Reflect:

What relatively “small” thing has become too close and too large in your life?

2. Receive the Freedom of Being Small

Psalm 8 gives us the right kind of smallness: wonder, humility, and relief.

- Where are you exhausted from trying to enlarge yourself?
- How does comparison make you feel too small in a crushing way?
- What would it feel like to be small because God is great, rather than small because someone else seems greater?

Prayer Prompt:

“Lord, free me from needing to be the center. Help me find joy in Your greatness.”

3. Believe You Are Mindful to God

The God who made the heavens is mindful of you.

- Where do you feel overlooked, forgotten, or insignificant?
- How does it change your identity to know that God does not merely glance at you, but attends to you with care?

4. Wear the Crown Correctly

Psalm 8 says human beings are crowned with glory and honor, but sin distorts how we wear the crown.

- Where are you tempted to become “too big” by controlling, proving, performing, or dominating?
- Where are you tempted to become “too small” by hiding, comparing, despairing, or forgetting your God-given dignity?
- What is one way faithful stewardship could look in your work, family, school, relationships, body, or resources?

5. Look to Jesus to Know Who You Are

The heavens can tell you that you are small, but only the cross can tell you that you are loved.

- What happens if you only know your smallness?
- What happens if you only know your importance?

CONSIDER.

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- How does Jesus' humility, suffering, death, and glory give you a truer identity than achievement, comparison, failure, or approval?

Read **Hebrews 2:8–9** again.

Where do you need to say, “I do not see everything yet, but I do see Jesus”?

GO AND BE

This week, schedule a **Sky Appointment** with God.

Choose one evening and go outside for 10–15 minutes. Put your phone away. Look up at the sky. Read Psalm 8 slowly.

Then pray through these three movements:

Remember how big God is.

“LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.”

Remember how small you are.

“What is mankind that You are mindful of them?”

Remember how deeply you are loved.

“But we do see Jesus...”

Afterward, write one sentence in response:

Because God is great and I am loved, I can _____.

Let everything else find its proper size.

CLOSING PRAYER

LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth. Teach us to look up, to consider, and to recover wonder. Free us from comparison, performance, and self-importance. Remind us that we are small, but not insignificant; crowned, but not ultimate; loved, because of Jesus. Help us see You clearly so we can see ourselves rightly. Amen.