



# Elements Class: Psalm 8

(1) O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is  
your name in all the earth! You have set  
your glory above the heavens.



David uses God's **proper name**  
*(Yehovah; God, Lord)* and  
then God's **personal name**  
*(Adonai; Master, Owner)*

David begins by addressing  
as the ruler of all the universe,  
yet the master of everyone  
on the earth.

David says that God's glory has been established above all his creation (the highest of his purposes).

*You have set your glory above the heavens...*

David begins with the **praise**  
of God's majesty:

1) Glory

2) Might, Power

3) Royalty, Nobility

David says that God has set  
*(established, displayed)* his  
glory above the heaven *(in  
his creation)* so that his name  
would be renown.

And out of this display should  
come a praise of his name  
and a worship of his glory.

Verse 1 emphasizes:

The reveling in  
& praising of  
the glory of God.

Verse 1 emphasizes:

**Worshiping** the glory  
of God...as fulfilment of  
his 1<sup>st</sup> grand purpose.

(2) Out of the mouth of babies and infants,  
you have established strength because of your  
foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.



David continues by saying  
that God's glory is not  
only displayed by the  
**greatest things** in the  
universe...but also  
the very **smallest things**.

God has chosen **the foolish things** of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen **the weak things** of the world to shame the things which are strong, and **the base things** of the world and the despised God has chosen, **the things that are not**, so that He may nullify the things that are, so that no man may boast before God...

**1 Cor 1:27-29**

God displays his strength in unlikely vessels to silence the enemy because his adversaries have nothing left to say when God defeats them with weakness.

For by Him **all things** were created, both in the heavens and on earth, **visible and invisible**, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things have been created through Him and for Him.

**Col 1:16**

Verse 2 emphasizes:

The extent  
of God's

**power & reign!**

Verse 2 emphasizes:

Duly appreciating the  
power of God...  
as fulfilment of his  
2<sup>nd</sup> grand purpose.

(3) When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place...



David is amazed, when he  
contemplates God's grand  
**purpose** for creation.

*the work of your fingers...  
which you have set in place...*

David is amazed, when he contemplates God's design for the display of his glory & power in creation...in the placing of the sun, moon, stars etc.

David realizes that everything in the universe has a specific, set, established and appointed place in the purpose of God's display of his majesty.

Verses 3 emphasizes:

The contemplation  
of the purpose of  
God.

Verse 3 emphasizes:

Gladly embracing the  
purpose of God in  
creation...as fulfilment of  
his 3<sup>rd</sup> grand purpose.

(4) ...what is man that you are  
mindful of him, and the son of man  
that you care for him?



David is even more amazed,  
when he contemplates God's  
design for the display of his glory  
& power in humanity...when he  
considers God's care &  
positioning of them.

This same great,  
magnificent, huge,  
glorious, all powerful God,  
loves mankind and is  
mindful of him.

(5) Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.



(6) You have given him dominion over  
the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under his feet...



David realizes that every human in the universe has a specific, set, established and appointed place in the purpose of God's display of his majesty.

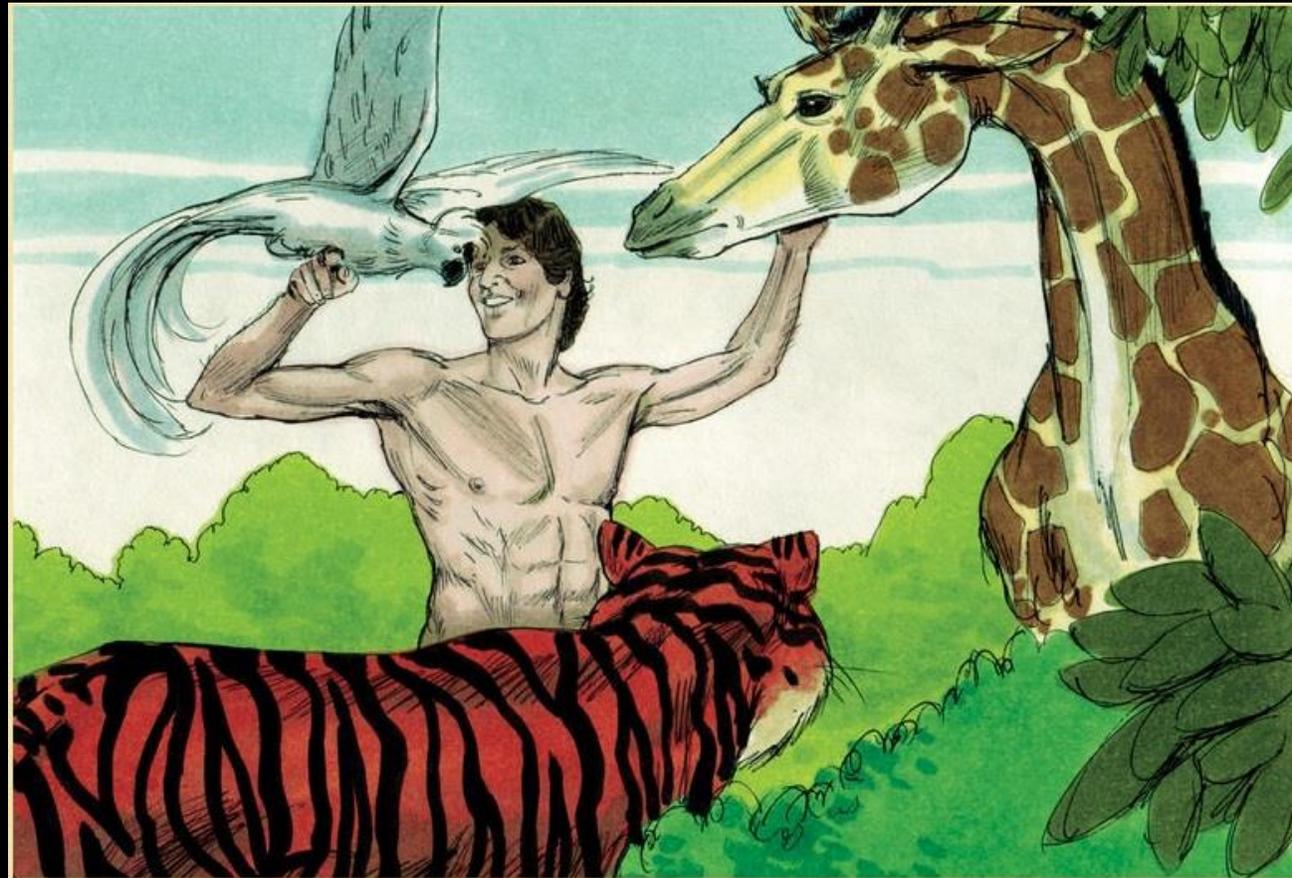
David is amazed, when he contemplates the very high position God has given humanity in his plan.

Humanity has been crowned  
with God's glory and clothed  
with great honor, above all  
other creatures.

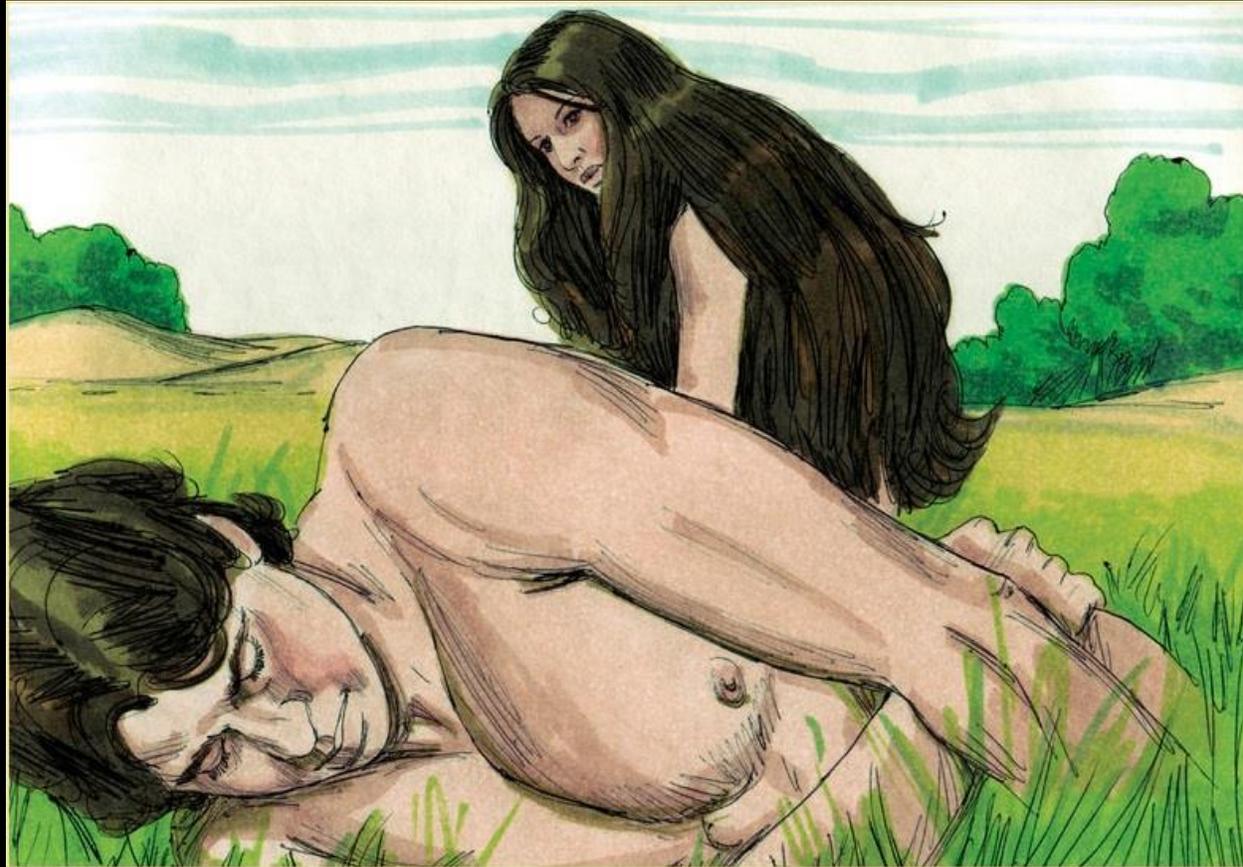
(7-8) ...all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field, the birds  
of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.



God made man first and put him over the world, the plants and animals to care for...

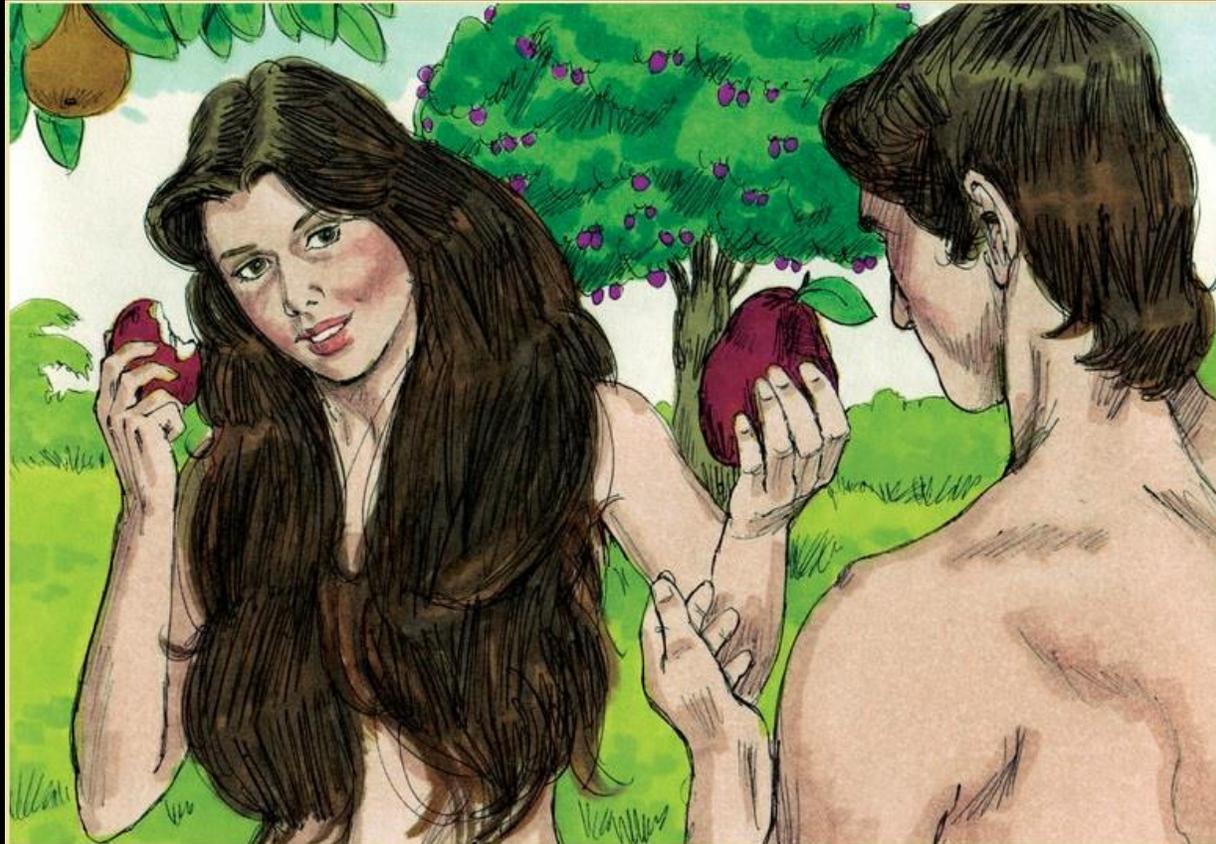


...and then God made woman from the man and placed her under his care as well.



It is hard to fathom the benevolence that God has given to mankind and the high position he has given us, in this world and in his heart...**starting with the first man and woman**

But we know that the first man and woman did not respond in awe, worship and glad submission....



They wanted more than  
simply praising God for his  
goodness and submitting  
to his plan.

David on the other hand is continually ready to admit his place in the world...and God's place in that world.



David knew that the only way to experience true joy was to submit to the truth and align his life to the truth about God and about himself in God's word & world.

# sub·mit

Accept or yield to a superior force or to the authority or will of another person.

Verses 4-8 emphasize:

The contemplation  
of man's place in  
God's world.

Verse 4-8 emphasize:

Willfully submitting to  
God's place for man...as  
fulfilment of his 4<sup>th</sup> grand  
purpose.

Humanity has been tasked with  
four incredible purposes:

1) Praising the  
glory of God.

Humanity has been tasked with  
four incredible purposes:

2) Submitting to the  
design of the creator.

Humanity has been tasked with  
four incredible purposes:

3) Stewarding the  
works of his hands.

Humanity has been tasked with  
four incredible purposes:

4) Displaying the glory  
& honor of God.

(9) O LORD, our Lord, how majestic  
is your name in all the earth!





God's  
Praise

God's  
Power

God's  
Purpose

Man's  
Place