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# PSALMS | AMEN Bible Study 2018-19

## Creator and Creation in Perspective

### *Psalm 8*

September 27, 2018

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#### SUPERSSCRIPTION

- A. To the choirmaster
- B. According to Gittith
- C. A psalm of David

#### PSALM

- A. Divine Majesty (1-2)
  - 1. Redeemer & king
  - 2. Earth & heavens
  - 3. Infants & enemies
- B. Human Dignity (3-8)
  - 1. Heavenly realms & earthly (3)
  - 2. First Adam & second (4)
  - 3. Created & crowned (5)
  - 4. Dominion & dominions (6-8)
- C. Divine Majesty (9)
  - 1. Our
  - 2. Your
  - 3. All

#### Discussion Questions

1. Where in “all the earth” do you most vividly see the majesty of God displayed (v. 1)?
2. Which is the more remarkable to you, and why--that God set has set his glory “above the heavens” or that he has established “strength” (or possibly “praise”) in the mouths of babies and infants (v. 2)?
3. How would you paraphrase the comparison David makes in verses 3-4 between the vast heavens and a tiny human being (vv. 3-4)?
4. According to verse 5 God has both created human beings in his image (“you have made him”) and crowned human beings to rule as his representatives (“and crowned him”). Which of these truths did you need to remember more today, that you are created in the image of God as the

pinnacle of creation or that you are crowned with glory and honor from God to oversee his work in the world? Why did you answer as you did (v. 5)?

5. Is there a dominion or sphere of your life that is out of control or order? What do you think your Lord wants you to do about bringing that area of your life back under his rule (vv. 6-8)?

### **GOING DEEPER**

1. This psalm is quoted 4 times in the New Testament. (In Matthew 21:16 Jesus quotes verse 2. The author of Hebrews quotes verses 4-6 in Hebrews 2:6-8. Paul quotes verse 6 in 1 Corinthians 15:27 and in Ephesians 1:22.) Which of these New Testament uses of the psalm is most significant for you today and why? What should you do about it?
2. If God has set his glory and honor on each being who bears his image, then are there people in your neighborhood, at your workplace, in your social circles, across Memphis, or around the world that you need to treat differently? Be specific about who they are and about how you need to treat them differently.