

# For Such a Time as This

## A Daily Devotional

### Wednesday, June 3, 2026



#### Psalm 8

**GOD, brilliant Lord,  
yours is a household name.  
Nursing infants gurgle choruses about you;  
toddlers shout the songs  
That drown out enemy talk,  
and silence atheist babble.  
I look up at your macro-skies, dark and enormous,  
your handmade sky-jewelry,  
Moon and stars mounted in their settings.  
Then I look at my micro-self and wonder,  
Why do you bother with us?  
Why take a second look our way?  
Yet we've so narrowly missed being gods,  
bright with Eden's dawn light.  
You put us in charge of your handcrafted world,  
repeated to us your Genesis-charge,  
Made us stewards of sheep and cattle,  
even animals out in the wild,  
Birds flying and fish swimming,  
whales singing in the ocean deeps.  
GOD, brilliant Lord,  
your name echoes around the world.**

The psalmist presents a torrent of words that ascribe to the Lord majesty, glory and strength. This is truly a psalm of praise from the perspective of a person in awe and wonderment over the great majesty and extent of God's good creation. The writer looks to the sky and sees the work of God – 'the moon and the stars' – and then completes the sentence with a comparison between these natural wonders and the place of humankind in the mind of God. The question is placed: 'What is man that you are mindful of him?' The psalmist asks the question that has come to our own minds – 'Why would God even care for us?' Or the question that we ask in times of pain and confusion: 'Is God even aware of my suffering?'

The psalmist completes the writing with an affirmation of humanity's place in the heart and mind of God. We are considered just a little less than those who live closely to God. With humanity, God has shared his ability to create and provide oversight and care for the animals and for creation. There is much that God entrusts to the human being and therefore there is much that we are responsible to God for. We tend to forget this kind of communal responsibility that we have been given by God and think in terms of individual relationships. But the psalm would lead us to consider more closely what we mean to God as God's creation as a people rather than just as individual representations of the human race.

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