

## Sunday, October 13, 2019 Dr. Nathan Neufang

## Psalm 8

MIS: Recognizing God's power and tenderness stirs my heart to rightly worship Him.

- I. We should worship God because of His name, glory, and power. (V. 1-2)
  - a. God is completely other than us. Yet, God chooses to be close to us.
  - b. God is not a tribal deity. Instead, He is a God of "all the earth."
  - c. God's power is displayed through the weak.
    - i. I Cor. 1:27: But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;
    - ii. Gunkel: God "performs his great deeds through apparently insufficient means, so that his power may be revealed all the more plainly."
  - d. There are several reasons people do not worship:
    - i. You do not know God.
    - ii. You do not believe that God is in control.
    - iii. You have created a God in your image instead of worshiping the God of the Bible.
    - iv. You do not understand His glory.
    - v. You do not rightly see God.
- II. We should worship God because of His tenderness. (V. 3-4)
  - a. God's tenderness is evident in His careful placement of creation.
    - i. He was intricately involved in the details of creation.
    - ii. Nothing is out of place in creation.
  - b. God's tenderness is evident in His love for humanity.
    - i. God knows what is going on in our lives.
    - ii. God remembers His promises to His people.
    - iii. God cares deeply for us.
- III. We should worship God because He gives us value. (V. 5)
  - a. Our value comes from the Image of God.
    - i. Genesis 1:26
  - b. God has called us to reflect the Image of God.
- *IV.* We should worship God because He gives us purpose. (V. 6-9)
  - a. God has called us to rule His creation.
  - b. God has called us to take responsibility.
  - c. God has called us to remember who we represent.