

PSALM 8

WHO AM I? WHY AM I HERE?

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet: all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Who am I?

1. I am a product of God's **CREATIVE** initiative and an overseer of God's work.

In the beginning God created...

Genesis 1:1 (NIV)

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness..."

(1:26)

2. I am a **CHILD** of God.

Because of his love God had already decided that through Jesus Christ he would make us his sons and daughters—this was his pleasure and purpose.

Ephesians 1:5 (TEV)

3. I am an individual yet with a remarkable **CONNECTION** to every other person.

O LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.

Isaiah 64:8 (NIV)

Why am I here?

1. I am here as a living witness to the unique God/child **PERSPECTIVE**.

I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord...

Philippians 3:8 (NIV)

2. I am here for God's **PURPOSES** because I am a product of God's creative work.

All things are done according to God's plan and decision; and God chose us to be his own people in union with Christ because of his own purpose, based on what he had decided from the very beginning.

Ephesians 1:11 (TEV)

3. I am here as a **PROPONENT** of the "Good News" of God revealed in Jesus.

...we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us...

2 Corinthians 5:20 (NRSV)