

Psalm 8 (NASB)

**O LORD, our Lord,
How majestic is Your name in all the earth,
Who have displayed Your splendor above the heavens!
From the mouth of infants and nursing babes You have established strength
Because of Your adversaries,
To make the enemy and the revengeful cease.**

**When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,
The moon and the stars, which You have ordained;
What is man that You take thought of him,
And the son of man that You care for him?
Yet You have made him a little lower than God,
And You crown him with glory and majesty!
You make him to rule over the works of Your hands;
You have put all things under his feet,
All sheep and oxen,
And also the beasts of the field,
The birds of the heavens and the fish of the sea,
Whatever passes through the paths of the seas.**

**O LORD, our Lord,
How majestic is Your name in all the earth!**

When was the last time the beauty of the natural world made you stop and thank God for sharing some of His splendor with us? There are times in life—maybe when things are going really well, or maybe when things have taken a turn for the worse—when we feel like we are the center of everything. All our thoughts, all our work, even all our prayers are focused on ourselves. But there are other times, holier times, when some still small voice reminds us to look beyond ourselves to see what God has done.

This morning, I was on a bike ride, and I was blessed to see the early sun sparkling on quiet streams. I saw birds and rabbits finding their breakfast. I felt the cool breeze that I could hear moving through the limbs and leaves around me. What a beautiful morning it was! Everywhere I looked there was evidence of a God who loves us. The world and the cosmos He has created is truly awe-inspiring.

What's even more amazing is that God has set up humanity as His crowning creation. He entrusts this beautiful world to us and intends for us to act as faithful guardians and stewards for His name's sake. "O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!"

May God bless your day,
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