

Psalm 8 (NET)

For the music director, according to the gittith style; a psalm of David.

¹ O LORD, our Lord,

how magnificent is your reputation throughout the earth!

You reveal your majesty in the heavens above!

² From the mouths of children and nursing babies

you have ordained praise on account of your adversaries,

so that you might put an end to the vindictive enemy.

³ When I look up at the heavens, which your fingers made,

and see the moon and the stars, which you set in place,

⁴ Of what importance is the human race, that you should notice them?^{Of}

what importance is mankind, that you should pay attention to them,

⁵ and make them a little less than the heavenly beings?

You grant mankind honor and majesty;

⁶ you appoint them to rule over your creation;

you have placed everything under their authority,

⁷ including all the sheep and cattle,

as well as the wild animals,

⁸ the birds in the sky, the fish in the sea

and everything that moves through the currents of the seas.

⁹ O LORD, our Lord,

how magnificent is your reputation throughout the earth!

Proverbs 8:22-31 (NET)

²² The LORD created me as the beginning of his works,
before his deeds of long ago.

²³ From eternity I was appointed,
from the beginning, from before the world existed.

²⁴ When there were no deep oceans I was born,
when there were no springs overflowing with water;

²⁵ before the mountains were set in place—
before the hills—I was born,

²⁶ before he made the earth and its fields,
or the beginning of the dust of the world.

²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there;
when he marked out the horizon over the face of the deep,

²⁸ when he established the clouds above,
when the fountains of the deep grew strong,

²⁹ when he gave the sea his decree
that the waters should not pass over his command, when
he marked out the foundations of the earth,

³⁰ then I was beside him as a master craftsman,
and I was his delight day by day,
rejoicing before him at all times,

³¹ rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth,
and delighting in its people.