

SUBJECT :

God Made Us Special

BIBLE BASIS:

Lesson Scripture: Ps. 8:1-9

BIBLE TRUTH:

God demonstrates his grace to the human race

MEMORY VERSE:

Ps. 8:4-5

Lesson Aim:

That the student would praise the Lord for his special treatment of us in His creation. This has profound implications concerning how we view ourselves and how we view God.

Introduction

- The opening chapters of the book of Genesis reveals how God created the universe by the words of His mouth. The crowning achievement of His work was the making of the first man, Adam, and his wife, Eve.
- Centuries later the psalmist David composed this hymn of praise to the God who sustained his creation. David also marveled at the compassionate way God dealt with fallen humanity.
- It was thrilling when we watched men first walk on the moon. Scientist have been anxious to learn what the rovers might find on Mars. Much of the interest has centered on whether water ever existed on other planets and whether forms of life might have evolved there.
- Those who refuse to believe the biblical account of Creation are always searching for other explanations.
- We who accept the Bible are secure in the knowledge that God exists and that He made the earth a special place to sustain us; the air we breath, the water we drink, the food we eat, the flowers we see, the birds in the sky, the fish in the sea, and the cattle on a thousand hills, is all an expression of Gods love for us.
- All this points to the fact that we ought to appreciate what the Lord has done for us. We should thank and praise Him for what is too often taken for granted. Ps.107:8-9, 15-16, 21-22, 31-32

Is There Anything Sacred?

- Psalm 8:10 Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.
- Note that this psalm has an identical beginning and ending. The first word for Lord is the personal name for God revealed in Ex. 3:13-15.
- The second Lord, “Our Lord”, suggested a congregation worshiping a sovereign God. Worship is expressed when the heart is totally focused on the name and majesty of God in all the earth. Ps. 34:3-4
- Now glance quickly through this short psalm to see whether it contains any petitions. A petition is a request put before the Lord. Here David is completely consumed in the majesty and excellence of the Lords name in the earth. Ps. 100:1-5
- The Lords name is often profaned despite the fact the 3rd commandment prohibits taking his name in vain. Ex. 20:7, Deut. 5:11
- We have no respect for much of anything today. We use Gods name in vain, We use foul language on national television. Entertainers mock the church and present it on national television as being out of touch with reality. We have no respect for each other young people killing each other everyday in our inter-cities, We continue to call each other the n’ word, our women b’s. We parade female bodies stripped to the bare minimum before our children and call it entertainment. The American flag is burned and used as baby diapers and desecrated for the sake of free speech. Pro.14:34

Is Their Room At The Table For Our Children?

- [2] Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.
- All people are fully capable of praising God for His excellence. David selected the smallest of them to illustrate his point. He said that even babes, meaning little children, and suckling, meaning unweaned children, can open their mouths to speak and sing the praises of God.
- How old do children have to be before they can sing simple choruses?
- According to Matthew, Jesus quoted a part of this verse when he was cleaning the temple. Matt. 11:25, Matt. 21:15-16
- God has chosen the weak things of the world, (such as children) to confound the wise. 1Corn 1:25-29
- Religious leaders in the Jewish temple were displeased at children singing praises to the Son of David. By such means even children can silence opponents of the righteous. Ps. 127:3-5
- Our children are born to us as spiritual warriors and not to be despised. Jesus said suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not. Matt. 19:13-15
- Is their room at the communion table for our children? Is the table more sacred than our children? For discussion only. 1Corn 7:12-14, Prov. 22:6

God Has A Personal Interest In You

- [3] When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; [4] What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?
- David expresses himself personally. When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers. Fingers here symbolizes and expresses Gods creative powers demonstrated in the creation story of Gen. 1.
- In comparison to the awesome power and majestic display of God's creativity in the universe, David changes his focus and asked the question, What is man? Why should God be so concerned with such an insignificant man? Job asked the same question. Job 7:17-18
- The Godhead discussed the idea of making man and giving them dominion over everything in the earth. Gen 1:26
- The next verse God takes the idea of making a man and giving them dominion and does it on the evening and morning of the sixth day of creation, in the image and likeness of God. Gen. 1:27
- We see that God has a personal interest in us, we are his off springs his sons and daughter. This is why I think God has a higher opinion of us then we have of ourselves. We were made to rule as kings and queens in the earth and establish Gods kingdom in the earth through obedience. However, Adam failed, but God didn't give up on creation. He makes a promise. Gen 3:15, Phil 2:5-9 (re-established), Heb. 2:5-9

Delegated Authority

- [5] For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. [6] Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: [7] All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; [8] The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.
- God made us a little lower than angels but has crowned us with glory and honor. He gave man dominion over the works of his hand. Dominion was given to both male and female to dominate their environment and not each other. Gen. 1:26-28
- Like a King to his kingdom or a Father to his son, there is some things that never change, God created the kingdoms of this world and everything in it for one reason to have man share in the ruler ship in the earth with him. So after creation he gave them male and female dominion or rule in the earth realm with him. 2Corn. 6:1
- We must come to the realization of who we are in the kingdom and in our Fathers house. We are kings and priest, sons and daughter. This relationship we have with God makes us royalty. We are the off springs of the King of Kings, We are the children of the Lord, of Lord. We were born again to rule the world. 1Pet 2:9, 2Corn 5:17-19

Divine Motivation For Creation

- It is not unreasonable to ask why God, the King of heaven, would want to create sons in His image and a visible universe. Was He not satisfied and pleased with an invisible realm of angels and powers to rule?
- I believe the answer to this question lies in understanding the very nature of God Himself.
- One such characteristic is that God is love. 1John 4:8,16.
- Please note he does not say that God has love but that God is love.
- This is an important distinction when it comes to understanding His motivation, because if God is love, then his actions would naturally or supernaturally be the manifestation of His love nature. John 3:16
- One of the obvious qualities of love is that love has to give and share itself. If this be so, then the very nature of God would be to desire to share His ruler-ship and government. In essence, love is fulfilled when it gives and shares itself. Luke 12:32
- It is this inherent nature of love that motivated the King of heaven to create spirit children called mankind to share His Kingdom ruler ship.
- This is why in the message of Jesus, when He described the age of the Kingdom of God and its provision for man, His indication was that this Kingdom belonged to man before earth was created. Mat 25:34

The Concept Of Colonization

- Colonization is a process whereby a government or ruler determines to extend his kingdom, ruler-ship, or influence to additional territory with the purpose of impacting that territory with his will and desires.
- Therefore the foundation for appreciating God's creative motivation is to understand that His intent was to share His governing authority with His spirit children by extending His invisible heavenly Kingdom to a visible earthly realm for the purpose of colonizing the domain to be like heaven. Matt. 6:9-10
- It was not an accident. It was not a fluke. It came about through the planning and preparation of the great God of heaven who, through his love and wisdom, constructed this awesome plan. Man was right there in the center of the plan we were not an after thought. Eph. 1:4
- From the very beginning, God's plan for mankind centered in the fact that God desired to have a personal relationship with man. It was never God's intent to establish a religion.
- The greatest threat to the future of the world is religion. Nuclear weapons, terrorism, shifting governments, military coups, and Aids are simply tools used by religion. More wars have been fought in the name of religion than any other influence in world history.
- The greatest distraction to re-establishing the kingdom is religion. We must be about our Father's business of re-establishing the kingdom.

Praise Him!!!

- O Lord our Lord,
how excellent is
thy name in all the
earth!