

Bible Text New International Version	What does the psalm reveal about God and how we are to approach, address, and respond to God?
<p><b>Psalm 8<sup>[a]</sup></b>  <b>For the director of music. According to <i>gittith</i>.<sup>[b]</sup> A psalm of David.</b></p> <p><sup>1</sup> LORD, our Lord,  how majestic is your name in all the earth!  You have set your glory  in the heavens.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> Through the praise of children and infants  you have established a stronghold against your enemies,  to silence the foe and the avenger.</p> <p><sup>3</sup> When I consider your heavens,  the work of your fingers,  the moon and the stars,  which you have set in place,</p> <p><sup>4</sup> what is mankind that you are mindful of them,  human beings that you care for them?<sup>[c]</sup></p> <p><sup>5</sup> You have made them<sup>[d]</sup> a little lower than the angels<sup>[e]</sup>  and crowned them<sup>[f]</sup> with glory and honor.</p> <p><sup>6</sup> You made them rulers over the works of your hands;  you put everything under their<sup>[g]</sup> feet:</p> <p><sup>7</sup> all flocks and herds,  and the animals of the wild,</p> <p><sup>8</sup> the birds in the sky,  and the fish in the sea,  all that swim the paths of the seas.</p> <p><sup>9</sup> LORD, our Lord,  how majestic is your name in all the earth!</p> <p>a. In Hebrew texts 8:1-9 is numbered 8:2-10.  b. Title: Probably a musical term  c. Or <i>what is a human being that you are mindful of him, / a son of man that you care for him?</i>  d. Or <i>him</i>  e. Or <i>than God</i>  f. Or <i>him</i>  g. Or <i>made him ruler . . . ; / . . . his</i></p>	

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<p><b>Psalm 103</b> Of David.</p> <p><sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—</p> <p><sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,</p> <p><sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,</p> <p><sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.</p> <p><sup>6</sup> The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.</p> <p><sup>7</sup> He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:</p> <p><sup>8</sup> The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.</p> <p><sup>9</sup> He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;</p> <p><sup>10</sup> he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.</p> <p><sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;</p> <p><sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.</p> <p><sup>13</sup> As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;</p> <p><sup>14</sup> for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.</p> <p><sup>15</sup> The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field;</p> <p><sup>16</sup> the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. <i>(continued)</i></p>	

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<p><b>Psalm 103</b> (<i>continued</i>)</p> <p><sup>17</sup> But from everlasting to everlasting  the LORD's love is with those who fear him,  and his righteousness with their children's children—</p> <p><sup>18</sup> with those who keep his covenant  and remember to obey his precepts.</p> <p><sup>19</sup> The LORD has established his throne in heaven,  and his kingdom rules over all.</p> <p><sup>20</sup> Praise the LORD, you his angels,  you mighty ones who do his bidding,  who obey his word.</p> <p><sup>21</sup> Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts,  you his servants who do his will.</p> <p><sup>22</sup> Praise the LORD, all his works  everywhere in his dominion.  Praise the LORD, my soul.</p>	

**Reflections**

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Describe God's presence and action in your life in three sentences.

What ways have you found to praise God and give Him the glory He deserves?



