

Fact 3- God cares because God works through weakness

Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. Psalm 8:2 NIV

You have taught children and infants to tell of your strength, silencing your enemies and all who oppose you. Psalm 8:2 NLT

David's point in verse 2 is that as big as God is, he uses the weak things of the world to humble evil.

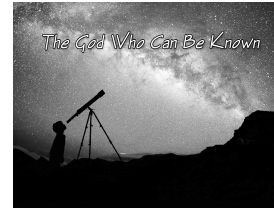
Why does God do that?

Because one day He's going to send his own Son and instead of taking power, he lose his power. Instead of a triumphal life on a throne He will end his life on a cross.

And why did he go to the cross? To die for our sins.

And why did he die for our sins? Because he was mindful of us.

Notes:



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How Creation Reveals Our God

Psalm 8:1-9

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens.² Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,⁴ what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?⁵ You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. ⁶You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: ⁷all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild,⁸ the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.⁹ Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

1. What David saw of God in Creation.

You have set your glory in the heavens. Psalm 8:1b

The heavens declare the glory of God... Psalm 19:1

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, Psalm 8:3

and He sustains everything by the mighty power of his command. Hebrews 1:3

2. What David asks of God.

...what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?
Psalm 8:4

David is asking:

“How do I know that the power behind the universe cares about humanity at all?”

Meanwhile we live in a time:

Where most of the people who write the books and teach the courses at the top of the cultural and academic institutions all say were here by accident.

If there is no God does anything we do matter?

“That man is the product of causes that had no prevision of the end they were achieving; that his origin, his growth, his hopes and fears, his loves and his beliefs, are but the outcome of accidental collocations of atoms..” **Philosopher Bertrand Russell**

“I know you feel like human beings have dignity. I know you feel like there’s such a thing as human rights. The fact is, if you believe science, there is no such thing as dignity or human rights

Steven Pinker, Harvard Professor

The secular understanding of the universe without God is it’s going to devour everything and everyone and hope is just a psychological ploy to survive as a species. Nothing you do matters. It will be as if none of you ever existed.

3. What David learned of God's care.

You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. ⁶You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: ⁷all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, ⁸the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. Psalm 8:5-8

David returns to scripture from Genesis 1 and 2 and uses the language that says human beings are made in God’s image.

...crowned him with glory and honor.

...given him dominion over the works of your hands;

These are attributes normally reserved to describe God, yet they are ascribed to humanity is what David wants us to see.

When God created us, he put his image on us.
He made us rational, moral and He made us self-conscious.

Fact 1- God cares because we are made in His image.

Fact 2- God cares because He sought us out

“What is man that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man that thou visitest him?”

Psalm 8:4 KJV

(Zachariah, the father of John the Baptist)

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people.”

Luke 1:68