
Sermon Text Discussion Notes 07/07/2019

Psalm 8 – “Living With a Sense of Astonished Wonder” by Drew Hunter

Overview

This is the first sermon in short series in the Psalms for July. This short and dense Psalm speaks profoundly to several pressing questions for every human in every culture—and it’s incredibly relevant to us today.

Drew explained how, through this Psalm, God wants to set a new tone in our lives. He invites us to live with a sense of astonished wonder. And, in particular, this Psalm gives us four reasons to live in astonished awe of God:

- 1.) For Our World (v1-3)
- 2.) For Our Identity (v4-5)
- 3.) For Our Purpose (v6-8)
- 4.) For Our Restoration (Heb. 2:6-10, reflecting on Psalm 8)

As you walk through this Psalm, please consider each of these and how they can each radically change our everyday lives.

Quotations

“There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal.” C.S. *Lewis* (The Weight of Glory)

“Here’s what it seems is God’s intent for us: That every morning we would look at the sunrise and say, ‘Wow.’ And every evening we would see the sunset and the stars and say, ‘Wow.’ We can bookend our days with a humble reminder of our true size. And we would be simply in shock that God would actually care about us. And yet he does.” *Drew Hunter*

Understanding & Application

- 1) In this Psalm, David sees creation and he overflows with praise for God. Can you describe a time when you noticed the beauty and complexity of God’s creation and were in awe? How might our thoughts and lives be different if we went through life in constant wonder of God’s creation?
- 2) In verse 5, we read how we are made in God’s image—made lower than him, but above all creation, crowned with honor and glory. What are the implications of having God’s view of humanity as our basis of worth vs. the world’s (based on our accomplishments, feelings of self-worth, etc.)?
- 3) The sermon discussed the social implications of God making all mankind in his image (that no one is little, everyone has incredible value). As you examine your heart, are there specific people or groups/categories of people that have mattered to you less than others? Ask the Lord to reveal these situations to you and help you to value and respect all people as he does.
- 4) Verses 6-8 reference the dominion God has given man over creation. This gives us both power/position and responsibility. What does it look like to exercise this dominion responsibly?
- 5) We were reminded how our jobs and vocations are one of the main ways we can help fulfill our purpose of bringing about flourishing and serving other image bearers to God’s glory. How might thinking about your daily work in reference to this high calling give you greater purpose?