Psalms about Man

Ken Chapman · Psalm 8:1–9

INTRODUCTION

- The psalmists do far more powerfully what the people at Hallmart do. They express the heart of the child of God better than we ever could.
- I want in this series of lessons to encourage you to become students of the Psalms, or maybe better students of the Psalms. Read them. Meditate on them daily.
- Because in them you will find your life circumstances represented.

1 The Psalms Are Hebrew Poetry

Psalm 23; Psalm 24:1–3; Psalm 1:1–6

- If rhyme is maybe what we think of as the primary figure of English poetry, parallelism would be the main characteristic of Hebrew poetry.
- Parallelism is just a fancy word of saying the same thing twice.
- In antithetic parallelism, the first line is emphasized by a contrasting statement in the second line.
- For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish.
- Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful.

2 What Is Man That You Are Mindful of Him?

Psalm 8:1–9

- In Psalm 8, we have a picture of Jehovah's glory and man's dignity.
- When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you have ordained. What is man that you are mindful of him?
- The sun that is responsible for life being able to exist on this planet, is about ninety three million miles away.
- God who could do that, knows little old me. He knows my name.
- We're just a speck on a speck in a speck.
- He's crowned me with glory and honor. He's given me dominion over this planet.

3 The Psalm Applied to the Incarnate Christ

Hebrews 2:5–9

- Four times the New Testament quotes this psalm, and those four times applies it to the incarnate Christ.
- But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor, that he, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.
- Jesus isn't lower than the angels. He's above the angels. He is God Himself.

- He was made to be like man, to partake of flesh and blood, to suffer and die, so that we might have even greater glory and honor and dignity than was placed upon us in the creation.
- You see how the psalmist expresses both the puniness and the dignity of man in the eyes of God.

4 Psalm 49: Where Is Your Treasure?

Psalm 49:1–20; 1 Chronicles 9

- None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him.
- For when he dies he shall carry nothing away. His glory shall not descend after him.
- Here we speak about the frailty again of man. The frailty of man and that life is temporary.
- The poor man dies like the rich man. Death, they say, is the great equalizer, and that's what this psalm is to say.
- You can't redeem the soul with money, he says.
- Those things that impress mean nothing to God and mean nothing in eternity.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Would you give your life to that God, the God who has crowned you with glory and honor? The God who has given you a treasure above any treasure. Would you give your life to him this morning?**

MY NOTES