
THE STRONGEST USES THE WEAKEST

PSALM 8



“What can I do?” Ever asked that? We see the power of God’s enemies ranged against his people, and ask, “What can I do? Who am I against so many?” We see the chaos and disorder in the world and again ask, “What can I do? Who am I against all this confusion?” Because we can’t do everything, we do nothing. We become passive and fatalistic. We’re the losers and they’re the winners.

Psalm 8 interrupts our pessimism with a resounding rallying cry that calls us to praise God because he uses weak humanity to win his wars and manage his world.

LEARNING

GOD USES WEAK HUMANITY TO WIN HIS WARS (1-2)

In the first line of this praise song, David praises God as the ultimate and almighty Creator whose name is excellent throughout the earth and whose glory is displayed in the heavens (1). The second line introduces a striking contrast, as David sings of babies and infants mouths. What could be smaller or weaker? And yet God uses small and weak humanity to defeat his enemies (2). God strengthens the weak to silence his enemies.

GOD'S BABIES ARE STRONGER
THAN THE DEVIL'S BATTALIONS.

We might win some wars, but how do we win the peace? How do we manage God's world?

GOD USES WEAK HUMANITY TO MANAGE HIS WORLD (3-9)

In the second part of the song, David again contrasts the mighty with the small, this time comparing the vast creation with the small creature called man. **When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? (3-4).**

Going further, he rejoices in how just as God uses weak humanity to win his wars, God uses weak humanity to manage his world (4-8). He thinks about us (4a), visits us (4b), lifts us up and crowns us with glory and honor by giving us power over all creation (5-8).

**GOD MAKES THE PLANETS SHINE IN SPACE,
AND HIS PEOPLE TO SHINE ON EARTH.**

LOVING

Although we grieve over how sin has damaged humanity's role in God's plan, yet we also praise God for how much of it still remains intact by his mercy. We also praise God for the spiritual fulfillment of this Psalm. As Jesus noted in Matthew 21:16, God uses weak children to confound his spiritual enemies.

But above all, as Hebrews 2:8 reminds us, we praise God for sending Jesus Christ to fulfill this Psalm perfectly. Christ thought upon weak humanity, visited weak humanity, and even took on weak humanity himself. He was made a little lower than the angels for a little time and then crowned with glory and honor by being given all authority in heaven and on earth. In his humanity, he wins God's wars and manages God's world. **O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! (9).**

LIVING

Praise God for Christ who, by becoming weak humanity, wins God's wars and manages God's world perfectly, and ask him to use you in the same roles, though imperfectly.
