

Reading Through Psalm - My Thoughts and Comments

Psalms 8: 3-6; 9: 9-10

New International Version

When I consider the 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, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

The Message

I look up at your macro-skies, dark and enormous, your handmade sky-jewelry, Moon and stars mounted in their settings. Then I look at my micro-self and wonder. Why do you bother with us? Why take a second look our way?

Of all the Psalms, this passage is among my favorite. The psalmist or writer is apparently looking into the night sky and, in relation to the endless expanse, is in awe of God's majesty. The question of man and Jesus' importance is answered by the gift of salvation: Jesus is both man and our savior by whom God became flesh (or man) but also the savior of the world, giver of salvation to all who received him as Lord. The authority (as ruler) was and is given by God who both created the world and a universe that is beyond our current knowledge or awareness. Now that is awesome!

The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name will trust in you, for you Lord have never forsaken those who seek you.

*God's a safe-house for the battered, a sanctuary during bad times.
The moment you arrive, you relax; you're never sorry you knocked.*

For those who do trust him, and in him, there is refuge or sanctuary. God knows when you are troubled, discouraged, or afraid; he sincerely cares for you and is present to help without hesitation or refrain. Recall the young David was a fugitive (being pursued by Saul) and sought refuge in God. Above all and more than all, God is the maker and giver of love - he will never recant or deny his love, but continues everlasting in his love for us.

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