

Psalm 8

1 O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens. 2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger. 3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; 4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? 5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. 6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: 7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; 8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas. 9 O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

Psalm 8 O LORD (Yahweh), our Lord ('ădôn), how excellent (*adjyr*) is thy name in all the earth!

Yahweh – God's eternal plan, covenant

Adonai - God's sovereignty, authority, and lordship over all creation.

From the Heb. root *adon*, meaning master or owner, sovereign. *Adonai* speaks of the relationship existing between the people of God and the authority of the Almighty. This name *addresses the placement and assignment of the people of God.*

excellent - (*adjyr*) - basically, this root connotes that which is **superior, power over all things;** wide or (generally) large; figuratively, powerful: — excellent, glorious, principal. From 'ăḏar; a primitive root; **to expand**, i.e. be great or (figuratively) magnificent.

Right Hand – *koah*

Ex 15:6 Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious ('ăḏar) in power (*koah*): thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.

Majestic in holiness

Exodus 15:10 You blew with Your wind, the sea covered them; They sank like lead in the mighty (*adjyr*) waters. Who is like You among the gods, O LORD? Who is like You, **majestic ('ăḏar) in holiness**, Awesome in praises, working wonders?

Mightier than mighty kings

Ps. 136:18 And slew mighty (*adjyr*) kings, for His lovingkindness is everlasting.

Mightier than waves and mountains.

Ps. 93:4 The LORD on high is mightier (*adjyr*) than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty (*adjyr*) waves of the sea.

Ps. 76:4 You are resplendent (light), more majestic (*adiyr*) than the mountains of prey.

His majesty known and feared by the enemy

1 Samuel 4:3-9 And when the people were come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, Wherefore hath the LORD smitten us to day before the Philistines? Let us fetch the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of Shiloh unto us, that, when it cometh among us, it may save us out of the hand of our enemies. So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from thence the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth between the cherubims: and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God. And when the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang again. And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, What meaneth the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews? And they understood that the ark of the LORD was come into the camp. And the Philistines were afraid, for they said, **God is come into the camp. And they said, Woe unto us! for there hath not been such a thing heretofore. 8 Woe unto us! who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty (*adiyr*) Gods?** these are the Gods that smote the Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderness. 9 Be strong, and quit yourselves like men, O ye Philistines, that ye be not servants unto the Hebrews, as they have been to you: quit yourselves like men, and fight.

***Ark ~ His Presence in battle**

Numbers 10:35 And they departed from the mount of the LORD three days' journey: and the ark of the covenant of the LORD went before them in the three days' journey, to search out a resting place for them. And the cloud of the LORD was upon them by day, when they went out of the camp. And it came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Moses said, Rise up, LORD, and let thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate thee flee before thee.

Joshua 6:6 And Joshua the son of Nun called the priests, and said unto them, Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD.

... who hast set thy glory (*hôd*) above the heavens.

hôd - translated as glory and honor, meaning an imposing form, honor, splendor, glory, vigor and majesty. When we are in the face of God, He reveals Himself in His glory. **We are impacted by His glory and begin to represent what has been imparted.**

Numbers 27:18-23 And the LORD said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay thine hand upon him; And set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation; and give him a charge in their sight. **And thou shalt put some of thine honour (*hôd*) upon him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be**

obedient. And he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall ask counsel for him after the judgment of Urim before the LORD: at his word shall they go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he, and all the children of Israel with him, even all the congregation. And Moses did as the LORD commanded him: and he took Joshua, and set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation: And he laid his hands upon him, and gave him a charge, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

1 Chronicles 29:10-13 Wherefore David blessed the LORD before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, LORD God of Israel our father, for ever and ever. Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the **majesty** (*hôd*): for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all.

2 *Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained (yâsad) strength (oz) because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still (silence) the enemy and the avenger.*

ordained – (*yâsad*) - founded, prepared, perfected

strength – (*oz*) – creative measure of strength, divine wisdom and miraculous direction; ark of oz

1 Cor. 1:26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: 27 **But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;** 28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: 29 That no flesh should glory in his presence. 30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: 31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

Matthew 5:3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

***kingdom of heaven** - the place of standing where the foot is established.

Matthew 21:16 And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?

Matthew 18:3-4 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

3 *When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained (kûn);*

finger – (*esba*) - speaks of attention to detail and meticulous fine points of concern. prophetic assessment, ordered from the heart, not simply from the law. This is the intimate outreach of Elohim to the children He loves, with the agenda is to teach and train.
ordained – (*kûn*) – established, readied, prepared

4 What is man, that thou art mindful (*zâkar*) of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest (*pâqad*) him?

mindful (*zâkar*) – take thought, remember, to mark
visit (*pâqad*) - care for, attend to, pay attention, oversee, appoint, commit

5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned (*atar*) him with glory (*kabod*) and honour (*hâdâr*). 6 Thou madest him to have dominion (*mâšal* – rule) over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: 7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; 8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

crowned (*atar*) - a symbolic measure of authority; not the crown of a king. It stems from the word *tsabah*, meaning to mass an army. This speaks of the beauty of an assembled crowd or a sign of strength.

glory (*kabod*) - weightiness of His burden

honour (*hâdâr*) - glory, beauty

dominion (*mâšal*) - rule, reign, govern

Genesis 1:26-28 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, **Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion** over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

9 **O LORD** (*Yahweh*) **our Lord** (*'ădônây*), **how excellent is thy name in all the earth!**