



WHO ARE YOU, GOD? "Why Did You Make Me, God?" Psalm 8:1-9

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Conventional wisdom says, "seeing is believing," but what we "see" is profoundly affected by what we "believe." Those who believe that God is "the Maker of heaven and earth" embrace a very different worldview from those who believe the contrary.

I. Who Is My Maker? vv. 1-2

- A. Knowing the answer is a matter of revelation, not speculation.
 - 1. His name is "majestic in all the earth."
 - a. To state a name is to reveal an identity.
 - b. This identity is revealed in "all the earth." Psalm 19; Romans 1:20f
 - c. His glory and majesty are transcendent—"above the heavens."
 - 2. His name is "Lord"—"Jahwe."
 - a. The One who is eternal—"I am who I am." Exodus 3:14
 - b. The One who is self-sufficient, self-existent.
 - 3. He is "Lord,"—the "Governor" of all that He has made.
 - 4. He is "our Lord"—the Transcendent One is "up close and personal."
- B. Knowing the answer should lead to humble praise, not arrogant posturing.
 - 1. The childlike, not the childish, embrace this revelation and rejoice.
 - 2. The resistant reject the revelation and become "the foe and the avenger."
 - 3. In the long run the resistant will be silenced by the "rejoicers."

II. Why Did You Make Me, God? vv. 3-8

- A. Why did you make me at all?
 - 1. Given the vastness of the universe, how can I be significant?
 - 2. Given the immensity of your being, how can I matter?—"finger work."
- B. Why did you make me the way you did?
 - 1. Because you are a God who "cares" and is "mindful."
 - 2. Because you are a God who relates so you made me relational.
 - a. "A little lower than God." See Genesis 1:26-27
 - b. Capable of both vertical and horizontal relationships.
 - 3. Because you are the Ruler you called me to be a responsible Regent.
 - a. Part of creation and dependent upon it...
 - b. ...yet unique in it and responsible for it.
 - 4. Because you are majestic you "crowned [me] with glory and honor."
 - a. God alone creates.
 - b. He calls me to cultivate.
- C. Why then am I the way I am?—because of the Fall. See Genesis 3:23, Romans 8:18f
- D. Is there hope that I might become what I was created to be? See Hebrews 2:5f

Point to Ponder: What is my worldview, and how did I arrive at it?