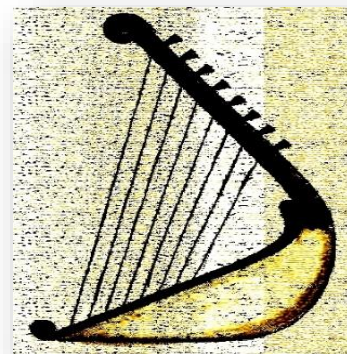


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We are not clear of the meaning of the word: Gittith. Perhaps, it refers to Gath. We may style this Psalm **THE SONG OF THE ASTRONOMER**. Let us sing it beneath the starry heavens. There is much in the scenery of a night sky, to lift the soul to contemplate: the moon, and the stars, what are they? They are detached from the world, and lift us above it. We feel drawn from the earth, and rise from this little theater of human passions and human anxieties.



Divisions: It is a great question among interpreters, whether this Psalm speaks of man in general, and the honor God puts upon him in His creation, or only of the man Jesus the Christ. Both may be reconciled, and the controversy, rightly stated, may be ended; for the scope and business of this Psalm seems to display and celebrate the great love and kindness of God to mankind, especially in His redemption; by Jesus Christ, Christ, the Messiah is the principal subject of this Psalm, and it is interpreted of Him, both by our Lord himself (Matt. 21) and by His apostles (1Cor. 15; Heb. 2) – Charles Spurgeon.

To the Chief musician; on the Gittith.

A Psalm of David.

¹ **O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth!** / Oh JEHOVAH... Oh YHWH... the self-revealing name of God who spoke to Moses when He said **I AM**... whatever He wants to be; whatever He needs to be. This name: **LORD**... or **GOD**... is always designated in the KJV bible with the **CAPITAL LETTERS**, our MASTER, our BOSS; our LORD:

Prophet Malachi says a time will come when... from the rising of the sun to the setting of the same; Your name will be great among the Gentiles; and in every place sweet smelling incense; will be offered to My name, and a pure offering: for My name will be great among the Gentiles, says the LORD

To the Samaritan woman, Jesus said, not just in the hills of Samaria nor in Jerusalem... an hour comes and now is... when the true worshipers will worship the Father... in spirit and truth.

and having heard this opening verse, who wouldn't start jumping around shouting **HALLELUJAH** and doing some Irish jig, or middle eastern raqs sharqi? I guess most commentators did that; and then miss this next phrase which is key to unlocking and understanding this psalm. Let us pay attention to this LORD, who is our Lord, too!

O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth! who sets Your glory **above the heavens** / we read about this **glorious One**... in the opening chapter to the Hebrews, spelled out in great detail. It was religious folks at the time of Jesus... who were fascinated by 1000 years of manmade traditions and worthless ritualistic burdens which had grown out of control.

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Often Jesus asked those highly educated legalists, **Have you not read...**? And it is as if He wondered what on earth they had been reading; how did they acquire their information, other than from text messages and internet blogs? Obviously, even back then, they were no longer interested in **the word of God**.

This next verse is stunning; those at the temple when Jesus came, had **1,000 years** to get ready for the fulfillment of Psalm 8, verse 2: and they missed their opportunity; their 15 minutes on history's stage! [Read about it in Matthew 21](#).

And don't you wonder, since we have had 2000 years to get ready, will His second coming... be equally stunning... in that it is missed by most people in the last days?

² Out of the mouth of babies and newborns You prepared praise... because of Your enemies, that You might silence the enemy and the avenger / Charles Spurgeon writes: How often children tell us of a God whom we have forgotten! How their simple prattle refutes those learned fools who deny the living God! When a popish chaplain told Mr. Wishart, the great Scotch martyr, that he had a devil in him, **a child that stood by cried out**, "A devil cannot speak such words as this man speaks."

Out of the mouth of babies and newborns / it is with the LORD's righteous judgment; and not our opinions about what is right... that the accuser of our soul, the father of lies... shuts his mouth. Praise for the Lord irritates the govts of this world; particularly, the religious governments of this world... who covet that praise and recognition; and all the attention and jubilation we give to our Father God in heaven; the only Father that matters; who is Father of the LORD, our Lord.

³ When I consider Your heavens,

the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You ordained / given chiefly as signs pointing a direction; [a greater light by day; a lesser light by night](#)... and again, how did they know to use a simple comparative... when all the other cultures thought the biggest thing they could see in the skies was the Sun, obviously the center of the universe?



it's interesting: we read: He stretched out the heavens! How did Job and Isaiah know? How did these people from the most ancient times know... the heavens were expanding?

Oh, He told them; like He told us!

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers...

the moon and the stars which You ordained;

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4 what is man / with these words -- and at the speed of enlightenment... 99.999999999% of the world with their limited attention span, take their eyes off **the LORD** of the opening verses... and want to know about that most important person in the universe: **me... myself... and I**.

This commentary is not based on the fallacious reasoning **that all men, women and children; young and old employ on an hourly basis**. Aristotle said, in the corner of the mind of every man is a fool. In the corner of every university is an equally dumb chump engaged in scholastic debate about endless, dicey theories and uncertain concepts of systems and models; angrily discussed at a graduate level -- often mind-numbing.

What is man? Joseph Caryl says: The Scripture gives many answers to this question. The scripture separates: **the Holy God**... from His creation: **the Sacred**... from all the rest of us... the secular.

What is man? At best, **man is a fool** -- read **Psalm 14**, or Psalm 53. What is man? What man? Carnal man? If this is merely a question about carnal man, then Houston, we have a problem!

God is Spirit; and those who **worship Him**... must worship in **spirit**... and **truth** -- not just spirit, not just truth... those **4 words**... are not among the subjects taught at the universities of the world; they are not the vocabulary of loveless, joyless, merciless, sterile science... that can only count what it observes.

What is man? Arrogant man? The hypocritical genius of the 21st century -- that man? who has dehumanized mankind in order to disrupt and destroy so many in staggering numbers... at the expense of others...

labeling them: unintended consequences; the collateral damage of war. In his book *The Abolition of Man*, C.S. Lewis wrote, if we simply pay attention to science we discover... **no self-evident truth**; rather we notice 2 duties of nature: **1.** the duty to destroy what is around us; and **2.** the duty to destroy our self!

What is man? What man? The broken man? Or, the man made in God's image? Broken man is nothing... but ready for the trash heap. What is man? Now days... and for many years, **there are 2 Model-T carcasses... roving around this planet. Read about them in: Luke 18:9-14.**

From the very beginning, God planned; God determined; God designed the itinerary... when He said: **Let Us... make Adam in Our image and likeness** -- and all those who would come from him. In other words, Let Us make them like **the three of Us** -- operating 100% of the time: in love, freely loving one another where 2 or 3 gather, preferring one another -- just like Us. Said differently, God said: Let Us make this experimental vehicle... plugged into the Source of life to function... powered by love... freely given. Well, **the 1st Adam**... messed up! Thankfully, **the 2nd Adam** didn't. Paul says those whom God foreknew... and what did God foreknow? What did God know previously?

He told us: God was going to make a new creature... powered by love freely given... looking like Him; made in His image; the 1st Adam messed up, God modified His design; some are getting a complete makeover; made like His Son. But really, all that... is not what this verse is about.

This psalm is about...

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O LORD, our Lord who sets Your glory above the heavens / whose Name is Excellent, let us stop interrupting the Psalmist...

what is man, that You are mindful of Him?

/ so we are asking about: man... made in the image of God... those who have elected to have the full treatment surgery, the total makeover from the inside out. If this verse is about that person: fine! God is infinitely concerned about His creation; He is not an absent father: He is not like us. Definitely, we are not asking about fallen man;

God is not mindful of what is ready... for the trash heap of world history.



and the Son of man, that You visit him? / more than 80 times in the New Testament, mostly in the Gospel records, this title is solely used... of Jesus Christ, **the only begotten of the Father... full of grace and truth**; who would not want to visit that One? if I could... I'd sit Him down right next to me, and we could talk for hours; I bet I could learn a lot!

⁵ **For You made Him... a little lower than the angels** / for a brief time, so slight when compared to eternity; and quite honestly, this is the biblical way of saying what could offend those delicate ears of some religious folk... when I say: He took the shitty job that nobody wanted to do... and, as it turns out... nobody else was capable of doing,

You made Him... a little lower than the angels / until that filthy job was finally finished, **and crowned Him with glory and honor.** Hear the Psalmist again...

O LORD, our Lord who sets Your glory above the heavens / whose Name is Excellent, who set Your glorious Son of mankind above the heavens; Paul, John, all of them say: **Jesus is the glory of God**; seated next to His Father; where He is today, seated in command central... still building His church.

⁶ **You made Him to have dominion over the works of Your hands,**

You put all things under His feet / to God's people scattered throughout all the nations, Paul said: we -- you and me... are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus; obviously, the psalmist understood, if the Glory of God was set far above the heavens... then, nothing is above Him... everything is below Him...

⁷ **When I consider Your earth** all sheep and oxen, yes, and the beasts of the field / we can almost hear the psalmist add those words: because wherever he looks, he sees the creative fingerprint of God throughout His work... small and great; / cared for by a loving Shepherd, following, kept safe... from all danger, each in their manner, able to approach and respond;

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⁸ **the fowl of the air and the fish of the sea, and whatever passes through the paths of the seas** / Jesus said, Behold, the fowl of the air... for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; Yet your heavenly Father feeds them, everywhere he looks, this psalmist sees a Father's loving care; His concern for all creation; sheep, oxen, birds, fish and all the others... the Master Artist's creation.

and it is as if the song-writer says: Let's sing it again!

⁹ **O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth!**

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