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TEXT: **Psalm 8, 19**
TITLE: **:: Like David**

For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

ROMANS 1:20

INTRODUCTION

- Paul wrote the book of *Romans* for the purpose of showing the church how do **BE** saved and how to **LIVE** once they were saved

in order to do that, he began by showing them their lost condition **chapters 1-3**

in **chapter one**, he showed them the holiness and power of God...

Romans 1:19-23

and pointed to the things God had created as proof that He existed

- the book of *Hebrews* begins with this statement:

Hebrews 1:1-2

God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds...

- this statement suggests three ways in which God has chosen to reveal Himself to His creation:
 1. by various means of communication: visions, dreams, conversations, and written forms
 2. through the birth, life, and death of His Son, Jesus Christ
 3. by natural revelation...this being nature and the created universe
- with this in mind, we begin our study of scriptural meditation at the place where our personal relationship begins with God: by looking at nature and reflecting on how awesome God truly is! We use David as our model because so much of his poetry dealt with his reflections on the wonders of the created universe

NOTE: **Psalm 23**...imagine David as a young man, tending to his father's sheep

1. HUMANITY'S PRIORITY **Psalm 8**

verses 1-3 David began by looking at the stars and the moon, reflecting on the magnitude of God

by doing so, David's use of astronomy to meditate and learn about God remained consistent with God's purpose in creating the heavens

when God created the sun, moon, and stars on the fourth day, He did so to produce signs, season, days, and years

Genesis 1:14

And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

the word **SIGNS** suggests we look at a billboard or a directional sign in order to learn something

the stars indicate God wants to teach us something about Himself, and perhaps gain direction for our lives (*not* astrology)

NOTE: here's something to consider...if our known galaxy, the Milky Way were the size of the entire continent of North America, our solar system would fit inside a coffee cup

to send a message at light speed to the edge of our universe, it would take 15 billion years to arrive

even the immense mathematical formulas involved in space flight today reveal something of the immense knowledge God used when He placed celestial bodies in their places **Romans 11:33-36**

verses 4-5 despite the vastness of space and the sheer numbers of stars involved, David had to wonder where mankind fit into it all

no other planet has life of any kind

mankind is not just another animal

mankind is the object of God's affection; He sent His Son to die for us

God is more interested in souls than in stars; in people than in the planets

two words are translated as man in this passage:

enosh, meaning "mortal man"

adamah, from the root word for "dirt"

he was made lower than the angels, yet crowned with glory and honor

verses 6-9 David also pondered the wonders of the natural world all around him, mentioning both wild and domesticated animals, birds, and fish

he identified them as the handiwork of God;
lovingly fashioned into being rather than
evolving over time

in **Job 12:7-10**, Job told his friends to stop and observe the natural creation all around them

in this creation, there was plenty to learn

in context, Job was pointing out that God
had a reason for everything He did

Jesus pointed to His Father's great concern for people, and pointed out that even birds are intelligent enough to know their Creator loves and cares for them

Matthew 6:26

Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

Luke 12:24

Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?

2. HEAVEN'S PROCLAMATION Psalm 19

another of David's early psalms revealed his interest in the created world as the starting point of his meditation

Psalm 19 is unique in that it shows the relationship between God's two kinds of revelation:

verses 1-6 show God in **natural revelation**, where David assigned anthropomorphic characteristics to the sun, moon, and stars

while not a detailed account of the science of space, David knew that something could be understood by the immensity of all above him

verses 7-12 go beyond what man can merely speculate...whereas the stars tell us there is a God, the Bible tells us how we can know Him on a personal level...this is known as **special revelation**

as a man after God's own heart, the focus on the created world led David to know more about three different aspects of his Creator:

God's Greatness

Psalm 139:5-13

God's Power

Psalm 29:4-11

God's Love

Psalm 116:1-6

Genesis 24:63

And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels were coming.

this is the first mention in the Bible of anyone meditating

what did he think???

Acts 17:24-28

God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; and hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; that they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: for in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

in order to witness to the pagans living in Athens, Paul began where they were already at...pursuing an understanding of the world around them...and showed them the Creator

NOTE: *The Witness of The Stars* by E.W. Bullinger



THINK reading list:

Job 37-39, Psalm 29, 39, 90 Isaiah 40,44,45



THINK playlist:

How Great Thou Art

Indescribable, Chris Tomlin

Don't Let Me Miss The Glory, CBU choir