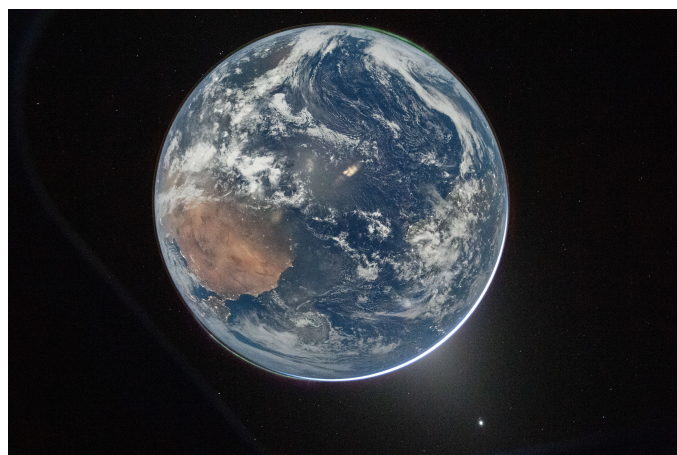




Songs of Summer
Psalm 8



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To the choirmaster: according to The Gittith. A Psalm of David.

1 O Lord, our Lord,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

2 Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
you have established strength because of your foes,
 to still the enemy and the avenger.

3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
 the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

4 what is man that you are mindful of him,
 and the son of man that you care for him?

5 Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings[b]
 and crowned him with glory and honor.

6 You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
 you have put all things under his feet,

7 all sheep and oxen,
 and also the beasts of the field,

8 the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
 whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

9 O Lord, our Lord,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!

What should the creature's posture be before the Creator?

Wonder

- "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. 2 Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger" (vv. 1-2).
- Creation reveals the Creator
 - "19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. 20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. 21 For although they

knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things” (Romans 1:19-23).

- Thomas Aquinas’ 5 Ways: How creation reveals the Creator
 - From motion: Behind all the motion in this vast universe—the planets, rockets, and even our thoughts—there is a first Mover.
 - From cause: Behind every chain of causes in this finely-tuned cosmos stands a first Cause.
 - From contingency: In a universe of vulnerable, temporary things, there must be One who simply is.
 - From degrees of goodness: When we say the heavens are ‘more glorious’ than anything we’ve seen, we’re reaching toward the One who is glory itself.
 - From design: The fact that the universe works—planets in orbit, laws holding, life possible—is like a giant arrow pointing to a Designer.
- When was the last time God’s creation produced wonder in you?

Humility

- “3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, 4 what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? 5 Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor” (vv. 3-5).
- We are the Creator’s greatest creation.
 - Humanity < Creation < Creator
 - Creation ≠ Creator but Humanity ~ Creator
 - 26 Then 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 birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them” (Genesis 1:26-27).
 - In some way we resemble and represent God.
- When was the last time you were humbled by the fact that you are God’s greatest creation?

Stewardship

- “6 You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, 7 all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, 8 the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas” (vv. 5-8).
- The Creator entrusted us with his creation.
 - “28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the

birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth” (Genesis 1:28).

- We aren't owners because we're not God.
- We are stewards because we are image bearers.
- Because God is the owner, we steward according to his standards.
- When was the last time you considered how you were doing stewarding God's creation?

God's creation should create in his creatures a posture of wonder, humility, stewardship—worship.