

What is Man That You
Are Mindful of Him

Psalm 8

- **Psalm 8:1** “Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth. You have set your glory in the heavens.
- 2 Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.
- 3 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
- 4 what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? [c]

- **God was Mindful of Man at Creation!**
- **Genesis 2:28** “God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”
- ²⁹ Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.
- ³⁰ And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

- **God was Mindful of Man at the Fall!**
- **Genesis 3:14** “So the Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.
- **15** And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring^[a] and hers; he will crush^[b] your head, and you will strike his heel.”

- **God was Mindful of Man at the Flood!**
- **Genesis 6:5** “The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.
- **6** The Lord regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled.
- **7** So the Lord said, “I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them.”
- **8** But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

- **God was Mindful of Man through Abram!**
- **Genesis 12:1** “The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.
- 2 “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.^[a]
- 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”^[b]

- **God was Mindful of Man through Abrahams sacrifice!**
- **Genesis 15:12** As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him.
 - ¹³ Then the Lord said to him, “Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and that they will be enslaved and mistreated there.
 - ¹⁴ But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions.
 - ¹⁵ You, however, will go to your ancestors in peace and be buried at a good old age.
 - ¹⁶ In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure.”
 - ¹⁷ When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram

- **God was Mindful of Man to provide a way to cover His Sin!**
- **Leviticus 16:6** “⁶“Aaron is to offer the bull for his own sin offering to make atonement for himself and his household.
⁷Then he is to take the two goats and present them before the Lord at the entrance to the tent of meeting. ⁸He is to cast lots for the two goats—one lot for the Lord and the other for the scapegoat.^[b]
⁹Aaron shall bring the goat whose lot falls to the Lord and sacrifice it for a sin offering.
¹⁰But the goat chosen by lot as the scapegoat shall be presented alive before the Lord to be used for making atonement by sending it into the wilderness as a scapegoat.

- **God was Mindful of Man to provide Prophets to Announce His Coming!**
- **Malachi 4:4** “Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the Lord Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them.”
- ² But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves.
- ³ Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act,” says the Lord Almighty.

- **God was Mindful of Man to send His Son to Dwell Among us.**
- **Matthew 1:18** “This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about:^[d] His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.
- ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet^[e] did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.
- ²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.
- ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus,^[f] because he will save his people from their sins.”

- **God was Mindful of Man to send His Spirit to Dwell within US.**
- **John 14:15** “If you love me, keep my commands. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be[c] in you.”
- **John 15:26** “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. 27 And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.”
- **John 16:12** “I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. 13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. 14 He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. 15 All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”

- **God was Mindful of Man to Commission us To The Lost.**
- **Matthew 28:18** Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

- **God was Mindful of Man to send His Son Redeem and Forgive.**
- **Ephesians 1:7** In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he ^[d] made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

- **God was Mindful of Man to Choose Us in Christ and Seal Us With His Spirit.**
- **Ephesians 1:11** “In him we were also chosen,^[e] having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will,¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.”

- **God was Mindful of Man to Give Us His Word to Grow Us.**
- **Hebrews 4:11** “¹Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience. ¹²For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”

- **God was Mindful of Man to Invite Us To Draw Near.**
- **Hebrews 10:19** “Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus,
²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

- **God was Mindful of Man to Begin an Unstoppable Work.**
- **Philippians 1:3** “I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

- **God was Mindful of Man to Send Trials to Bless US.**
- **James 1:2** Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,^[a] whenever you face trials of many kinds,³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

- **God was Mindful of Man to Invite Us To Hold Firmly to the Faith.**
- **Hebrews 4:14** Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven,^[f] Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

- **God was Mindful of Man to Make Atonement For Our Sin.**
- **Hebrews 2:14** “Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death— that is, the devil—¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.¹⁶ For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants.¹⁷ For this reason he had to be made like them,^[k] fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.¹⁸ Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.”

- **God was Mindful of Man to Form an Inseparable Relationship with Us by Grace Through Faith.**
- **Romans 8:37** No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, ^[k] neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Conclusion

- **Psalm 4:1** “Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! Be gracious to me and hear my prayer.”
- **Psalm 5:1** “Give ear to my words, O Lord; consider my groaning. 2 Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you do I pray.”
- **Psalm 6:9** “The Lord has heard my supplication; the Lord receives my prayer.”