

BIBLE TEACHING AND WORSHIP GUIDE



FOR THE HOME-BASED CHURCH

Produced Weekly

What is Man That God is Mindful of Him
Psalm 8

Copy this sheet for the Gathering Time, Bible Study, and Worship Experience leaders for the next meeting of the church.

Leaders' Responsibilities:

Important: Each person who will be leading one of the three parts of a session during a series of sessions needs to have access to the "Introduction" article found at the beginning of each series (Bible Teaching #....). The weekly session "Background" located in the Teacher Preparation is much more specific to that day's study.

1. **The Gathering Time Leader** will gather all of the people together and help them prepare their minds and hearts for a wonderful worship experience before God. His/her responsibility is to introduce the congregation to the theme (content) and the Scripture that will be central to their worship experience for the day.

2. **The Bible Study Leader** will then help the people understand what the Scriptures have to say and teach us about the content of the study for the day. He/she will guide the people to make a general application of the study (ie: How does this Bible study apply to people today?)

3. **The Worship Time Leader** has the responsibility to use the theme and Scriptures to guide the congregation to make personal commitments to God's will for each one in regard to the study for the day. He/she will use others to lead in the music, taking the offering, ministry moment comments, and other activities and parts of the **Worship Time** that can aid in participatory worship.

Prior to this Coming Session:

Gathering Time Leader:

Bible Study Leader:

Have a white board or large piece of paper available.

Ensure that each youth has a copy of the Bible study application for youth ("Take Ten!!).

Worship Time Leader:

Make copies of the scripture given at the end of the worship time.

Music Sources:

Be Exalted, O God, *The Worship Hymnal* #19; CCLI #21112

How Majestic Is Your Name, *The Worship Hymnal* #52; CCLI# 26007

Thou Art Worthy, *The Worship Hymnal* #23; CCLI #14789

He Knows My Name, *The Worship Hymnal* #44: CCLI #2151368

Gathering Time: (Suggested time: 15 minutes)***What is Man That God is Mindful of Him*****Focal Text**

Psalm 8

Background Text

Psalm 8

Main Idea

In spite of man's apparent insignificance, God made him the crowning act of his creation in this world. God created man in his own image.

Question to Explore

How do we understand our place in God's creation?

What is His purpose for us in this life?

Teaching Aim

To help participants understand the wonderful reality of what it means to be made in God's image and to discern what that means for responsible living.

Gathering together:

Sing: **Be Exalted, O God**, *The Worship Hymnal* #19; CCLI #21112

How Majestic Is Your Name, *The Worship Hymnal* #52; CCLI# 26007

First thoughts:

We will study Psalm 8 and find that this whole psalm praises the glory and sovereignty of God. The God of such glory and power still expresses His concern for us as insignificant creatures. In fact, God shares glory and honor with us.

The Israelites were led out of slavery in Egypt by Moses who was following the instructions and guidance of the Lord. By the second month after they had come out of Egypt there were wishing they were back in Egypt because they were lacking in food in the desert. ***So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you will***

see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against him. (v. 7). Then Moses told Aaron, “Say to the entire Israelite community. ‘Come before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling.’” While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the Lord appearing in the cloud.

From that point on, the people received bread in the form of manna and meat in the form of quail to meet their needs. “The glory of God is the manifestation of His presence and of His unique nature. At times this glory was manifested physically as in the cloud in the desert. This manifestation of the glory of God could inspire loving awe on the part of the faithful people of God, and it could inspire fear on the part of the enemies of Israel” (Disciple’s Study Bible, Nashville: Holman Bible Publishers, 1988, p. 93).

In the story of the birth of Christ we read the familiar words ***An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them and they were terrified. Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests” (Luke 2: 9, 13-14).***

We will discover in Psalm 8 that God chose to share that glory with us as humans:
And crowned him with glory and honor. (v. 5)

Our study of Psalm 8 will help us understand the glory and majesty of God and the wonder of our relationship as humans to this God of whom the Psalmist says:

***O Lord, our Lord,
How majestic is your name in all the earth!***

You have set your glory above the heavens.

Closing the Gathering Time:

Take time at this point to mention items of prayer concern for the church, announcements of ministry or activities, and anything else that needs to be shared with or by the congregation. Pray for these needs. Remember to praise God in prayer.

Break time! Take five minutes between sessions. Encourage children to use the washroom so that they won’t need to leave during the Bible Study time.

Distribute youth/adult Bible study outlines or paper for note-taking, if available.

Also hand out the activity sheets for preschool and younger children to use during Bible Study and/or worship.

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Copy this section for the Bible Study leader.

Note to the Bible Study Leader: Suggested teaching time for the Bible study should be about 35 minutes. Use the “Teacher Preparation” for your personal study during the week before the session. Use the “Bible Study Plan” for the actual session.

What is Man That God is Mindful of Him

Focal Text

Psalm 8

Background Text

Psalm 8

Main Idea

In spite of man’s apparent insignificance, God made him the crowning act of his creation in this world. God created man in his own image.

Question to Explore

How do we understand our place in God’s creation?

What is His purpose for us in this life?

Teaching Aim

To help participants understand the wonderful reality of what it means to be made in God’s image and to discern what that means for responsible living.

Introduction to your personal study:

Read this Psalm many times as you prepare to teach. Read it devotionally, read it out loud, read it to your family. This is a joyful Psalm, but it has great importance in directing our daily life.

Background:

Please ask for and read the information contained in the “**Introduction**” article found at the beginning of this series (Bible Teaching #....) of Bible Study and Worship sessions. Whoever downloaded this session for you should have that material for you, as well.

Focusing on the Meaning:

This glorious hymn of praise is one of the most eloquently simple and beautiful poems of the Psalter. "It's theme is God's double gift of image and dominion to man" (**The Broadman Bible Commentary, Vol. 4**, Nashville: Broadman Press, 1971, p. 183). It is built on the truth of Genesis 1:26-27 ***Then God said "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female, he created them.***

The Psalm begins with declaring the majesty of God's name. "*Addid (majestic)* may also be translated 'glorious, powerful, delightful' and in view of the fact that Yahweh's name often represents or is even equal to his Presence in the thought of the old Testament, the line may be rendered, '***Yahweh, our Lord, how delightful is your Presence throughout all the earth!***'" (**The Broadman Bible Commentary, Vol. 4**, Nashville: Broadman Press, 1971, p. 185).

***O Lord, our Lord,
How majestic is your name in all the earth!***

You have set your glory above the heavens.

***From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise, because of your enemies,
To silence the foe and the avenger. (Vs. 1-2)***

"God's created world eloquently testifies to its Maker's grandeur. From the starry universe on high to the small children, everything speaks of the Creator's wisdom and resourcefulness. As we learn more about the universe, we can have the same confidence as the ancient Hebrew poet. Our world is so constructed that cooperation with its Creator and His revealed truth leads us to fulfillment in life. God continues to give seemingly insignificant humans unbelievable controlling powers over His creation" Disciple's Study Bible, p. 640).

"The glory of God is the expression, or the perception, of what God is, and who God is. Glory represents the shining radiance which makes all other sources of light totally dark in comparison" (The Disciple's Bible, p. 1656).

As humans we are to glorify God. We glorify God when we praise him. The praise of children and infants can silence the foes of God. This indication of the importance of very small children introduces the emphasis of the later verses of the Psalm on the amazing importance which God has given to mankind. Infants cause adults to praise God by the very miracle of their birth and by their innocence and sweetness.

Churches – large and small – which give opportunity for small children to express praise through singing, reciting scripture, playing musical instruments or praying will find themselves blessed. The children will be blessed by their participation in the corporate worship of the church body. “We recall how little children joined in praise of our Lord when he royally entered Jerusalem, and how they willingly accepted the shelter of his arms when he blessed them. They hailed their King: they accepted his defense, feeling ‘safe in the arms of Jesus’” (**The Interpreter’s Bible, Vol. IV**, New York: Abingdon Press, 1955, p. 50).

***When I consider your heavens,
The work of your fingers,
The moon and the stars,
Which you have set in place (v.3)***

This beautiful verse paints a picture which we can all envision. Although inhabitants of the cities of the world may have little opportunity to enjoy looking at the night sky, for many people it is always an awe-inspiring experience. Small children who have experienced looking at the stars lying on a blanket on the ground with their parents will never forget the sense of awe and majesty which that instills in their very being. Those who live in northern areas may often experience the aurora borealis or northern lights. This author has done so only a few times, but that experience remains in my heart and mind. ***When I consider your heavens***, I worship the God of the universe. And this God is all powerful, glorious and delightful.

***What is man that you are mindful of him,
The son of man that you care for him?
You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings,
And crowned him with glory and honor. (vs. 4-5)***

These words should be personalized. What am I that God cares for me? Why am I so important to God that He created me “only a little bit diminished from God (*Elohim*) and circled him round with honour (*kabod*) and pride (*hadar*)” (Broadman Bible Commentary, p. 186). Why would God crown me with glory and honour?

If it is true that God did this for me, do I understand that he did this for all human kind?

What does that mean as I think of those who are different from me? How do I care for those whose daily life is a struggle for survival? How does it make me grieve for those “boy soldiers” who are used to terrorize others? How concerned am I for the young children and women sold into the sex trade.

Can we understand how grieved God must be that His creation continually is involved in war and in selfish manipulation of others for material gain.

The Psalmist is thinking of the truth of Genesis 1:27.

God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female, he created them.

How do we wrap our minds around this amazing truth. We are created in the image of God. That means that we as humans made in the image of God are:

capable of decision making,
capable of creativity,
capable of relationship,
capable of accepting the grace of God
capable of knowing God personally and communing with God.

“Bringing together the Old and New Testament emphases, we may summarize the main features of the Hebrew-Christian view of man as follows. It enshrines a message for individuals in all generations. It tells many what his calling is, what his nature is, and what his destiny is. He is called to worship and honor his Creator, to exercise stewardship over the creation as a loving, obedient son to a father, to enjoy fellowship with his Father Creator, while standing in awe of him as a creature is to Creator. He is encouraged to recognize the many-sidedness of his mysterious nature. He must hold in a delicate balance three aspects of his nature highlighted by Old and New Testament writers alike: his physical makeup; his capacity for mental life; and his capacity for making moral decisions, including an appreciation for the importance of a spiritual dimension to life. Working harmoniously together these are involved in maintain a right relationship with God and with men” (Jeeves, M. **Human Nature at the Millennium**. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1997, p. 123).

“An *image* is ‘something cut out’ such as an idol (2 Kings 11:18). It describes an exact resemblance, like a son who is the very image of his father. Ancient kings would place such effigies of themselves in cities they ruled. **Likeness** (appearance) is a more indefinite term and emphasizes the fact that, although man is like God, he is not God. Man is not deity but reflects the divine nature within his humanity” (**Broadman Bible Commentary Vol. 1, General Articles, Genesis, Exodus**, p. 125).

We must return to the awed humility of verse 4 ***What is man that you are mindful of him, The son of man that you that you care for him?***

In addition to be made in the image of God, humans were given dominion over other created beings.

***You made him ruler over the works of your hands;
You put everything under his feet:
All flocks and herds,
And the beasts of the field,
The birds of the air
And the fish of the sea,
All that swim the paths of the seas.***

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“V. 6 signals man’s dignity on another, if lower, level: the level of power. Man is exalted in authority over all other living things: a sufficiently astounding fact when man’s physical puniness is remembered. Man’s power over the lower creation is not only a fact, but it gives him high moral responsibility” (*The Interpreter’s Bible*, p. 52).

We must again return to the Genesis account of creation.

God blessed them and said to them. Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.

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. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground – everything that has the breath of life in it – I give every green plant for food. And it was so. (Genesis 1: 28-30).

If we take seriously our God-image, we must also take seriously our responsibility to care for all of creation. Christian nations have not been good stewards of God’s creation until forced into doing so by those committed to caring for the environment. We considered it our right to rule over and subdue the earth to give us wholesale opportunity to exploit natural resources, kill animals and become rich from the earth’s gold, silver and other minerals.

Surely, this psalm calls us to a higher standard. If we as humans as made in God’s image, then we must treat His creation with respect, reverence and love. We must ask ourselves what changes in life style that would mean personally. We may not be able to make changes in what others do, but we can change what we do.

And in doing so we are ready to proclaim once again:

***O Lord, our Lord,
How majestic is your name in all the earth. (Vs. 6-9)***

Your Goal as the Leader of this Bible Study:

To help participants understand the wonderful reality of what it means to be made in God’s image and to discern what that means for responsible living.

For Personal Reflection:

What have I learned from this study?

What personal experience does this lesson bring to mind?

What is one action I will take this week to apply this Scripture passage to my life?

Bible Study Plan (Suggested time: 35 minutes)

What is Man That God is Mindful of Him

Regroup the church after the Gathering Time and break by singing a chorus that young children can relate to—or another praise chorus if your congregation does not have children. Children who go to their own Bible teaching session should stay with the group until after this song. Have the preschoolers and children accompany the hymn with rhythm sticks, maracas, bells, etc.

Begin by helping the group locate the Focal Text in their Bibles. Also, share with them the Main Idea to be learned from the Scriptures, and the Questions to be Explored by the group.

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Connect with Life:

Ask participants to share times when God's creation was especially meaningful and beautiful to them.

Ask them to think about nighttime experiences when viewing the sky was a holy experience.

Guide the Study:

Ask someone to read all of Psalm 8 and ask for responses to the reading.

Comment: “Addid (*majestic*) may also be translated ‘glorious, powerful, delightful’ and in view of the fact that Yahweh’s name often represents or is even equal to his Presence in the thought of the old Testament, the line may be rendered, ‘**Yahweh, our Lord, how delightful is your Presence throughout all the earth!**’” (Broadman Bible Commentary, p. 185). (You may want to write **addid – majestic** on the white board).

Have someone reread verses 1 and 2.

Ask: Why would the Psalmist include infants and children as those who praise God? (Infants cause adults to praise God by the very miracle of their birth. Children praise God openly and joyfully.)

Have another person read verse 3.

Return to consider the responses which may have been given by participants describing times when “considering the heavens” was a holy experience.

Say: **When I consider your heavens,** I worship the God of the universe. And this God is all powerful, glorious and delightful.

Have a different person read verses 4 and 5.

Ask: What is the important question here? (What is man that you are mindful of him?)

Have the group to consider aloud what it means to be “crowned with glory and honour”.

Ask: How does knowing that we are important to God make us value our fellow man?

Have someone read Genesis 1:27.

Inquire: How does this verse relate to verses 4 and 5 of Psalm 8?

Explain the following:

“An *image* is ‘something cut out’ such as an idol (2 Kings 11:18). It describes an exact resemblance, like a son who is the very image of his father. Ancient kings would place such effigies of themselves in cities they ruled. **Likeness** (appearance) is a more indefinite term and emphasizes the fact that, although man is like God, he is not God. Man is not deity but reflects the divine nature within his humanity” (Broadman Bible Commentary Vol. 1, General Articles, Genesis, Exodus, p. 125).

Ask: What does it mean to be made in the image of God?

List the following on a large sheet of paper or a white board.

We as humans who are made in the image of God are:

**capable of decision making,
capable of creativity,
capable of relationship,
capable of accepting the grace of God
capable of knowing God personally and communing with God.**

Say: We must return to the awed humility of verse 4 ***What is man that you are mindful of him, The son of man that you that you care for him?***

Have someone read verse 6-8.

Say: "V. 6 signalizes man's dignity on another, if lower, level—the level of power. Man is exalted in authority over all other living things: a sufficiently astounding fact when man's physical puniness is remembered. Man's power over the lower creation is not only a fact, but it gives him high moral responsibility" (The Interpreter's Bible, p. 52).

Have someone read the Genesis account in Genesis 1:28-30.

Discuss what these two accounts indicate about our responsibility to care for creation.

Encourage Application:

If you have two or more youth, this is the time to give them the **Youth!!! Take Ten** page and allow them to move away from the adults and apply the lesson by and for themselves.

Ask: How good a job have we have done in the past in caring for God's creation which He entrusted to us? Consider practical implications for change in our daily lives to be more accountable for caring for the environment.

Invite everyone to say together the wonderful words:

**O Lord, our Lord,
How majestic is your name in all the earth. (Vs. 6-9)**

Take a five minute break to separate the Bible Study and Worship Time. Children may need to use the washroom again before worship.

YOUTH!!! TAKE TEN

Bible Study Application for Youth

You may wish to move away from the adults for the final five to ten minutes of the Bible study and help each other as youth to apply the lesson to your own needs.

What is Man That God is Mindful of Him

Psalm 8

A youth will lead the following activity and comments. No adults need to be present. If possible, teens should take turns in leading the application time.

Activity on following page!

The Message: The Bible in Contemporary Language by Eugene H. Peterson (Colorado Springs: NavPress, 2002, p. 918) writes Psalm 8 like this:

***God, brilliant Lord,
Yours is a household name.***

***Nursing infants gurgle choruses about you;
Toddlers shout the songs
That drown out enemy talk,
And silence atheist babble.***

***I look up at your macro-skies, dark and enormous,
Your handmade sky-jewelry,
Moon and stars mounted in their settings.
Then I look at my micro-self and wonder,
Why do you bother with us?
Why take a second look our way?***

***Yet we've so narrowly missed being gods,
Bright with Eden's dawn light
You put us in charge of your handcrafted world,
Repeated to us your Genesis-charge.
Made us lords of sheep and cattle,
Even animals out in the wild,
Bird flying and fish swimming,
Whales singing in the ocean deeps.***

***God, Brilliant Lord,
Your name echoes around the world***

Have one of your group read Psalm 8 from a more traditional version and then read Psalm 8 from **The Message**.

Discuss the following:

Does **The Message** use words more likely to speak to your friends and your age-group?

Do you feel it captures the sense of awe of other versions?

In whatever version you read, do you understand what it means to be made in "the image of God"?

How can that impact your life this week?

Worship Time (Suggested time: 30 minutes)***What is Man That God is Mindful of Him***
Psalm 8**Beginning the Service:**

Sing:

Thou Art Worthy, *The Worship Hymnal* #23; CCLI #14789

He Knows My Name, *The Worship Hymnal* #44: CCLI #2151368

Offering:**Praying for the World:**

There are 497 unengaged unreached people groups in South Asia representing close to 80 million people who have never heard the name of Jesus. Pray for South Asian churches to reach out to all the lost around them. Pray for those who partner with those churches in mobilizing, training and encouraging them in their task.

Sharing Guide:

This sharing guide is written to assist the person who directs the worship time to reemphasize the teaching for the day and help guide the congregation to respond to God's call and will for their lives in regard to the scripture studied. The leader may choose to follow the guide closely. Or, he or she may wish to only use it to give direction and a concept for preparing an original message. The leader is free to choose other ways to communicate and share the concepts presented here.

His Majesty and His Love

***When I consider your heavens,
The work of your fingers,
The moon and the stars,
Which you have set in place (Psalm 8:3)***

We have considered the wonder of creation and the wonder of our place in it as human beings. For our worship time, we will think about stars - their place in creation and the ongoing importance in Biblical references and teaching. **Young's Analytical Concordance to the Bible** (Grand Rapids:Eerdmans Publishing Company, 22nd American Edition) lists 59 references to stars in the Bible with 14 of those occurring in the book of Revelation.

The Psalms contain beautiful references to stars such as the one in Psalm 147, verses 1 and 4 where we are told that the Lord determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name: ***Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him! He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name.*** We may know the names of a few of the stars, but even the most ardent star-gazer does not call each one by name.

Psalm 148: 1-6 includes the stars and the sun and moon in the praise of the Lord. ***Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise him in the heights above. Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts. Praise him, sun and moon. Praise him, all you shining stars. Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies. Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created. He set them in place for ever and ever; he gave a decree that will never pass away.***

Praise him, all you shining stars. We as humans often join in praising the Lord as we look at the stars.

A star-centered Messianic prophecy is given in Numbers 24:17 ***I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near. A star will come out of Jacob, a scepter will rise out of Israel.***

"The first part of v. 17 foretells joyful good news for Jacob and Israel. Jesus is the ultimate Good News for all the world" (The Disciple's Bible, p. 194). Jesus is the star who will come out of Jacob. Jacob stands for the Israelite people.

In the Revelation of John we read the name which Jesus gives to himself:

"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star." (22:16)

The behaviour of the wise and the righteous is compared to the brightness of the stars in the Old Testament in Daniel 12:3 ***Those who are wise will shine like the***

brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

And in the New Testament Paul encourages believers with these words in Philippians 2: 12-16a ***Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed – not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence – continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose. Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life.***

In Job 38: 4-7 the Lord speaks to Job who is questioning his suffering. The Lord's answer to Job centered on the mysterious sovereignty and wisdom of God. Job had sought to understand why God who is righteous had allowed him to suffer. "God did not answer Job's questions. Rather He showed Job he did not have or need answers which only God has. Job needed to trust God to do His work in His time. If God can control the wonders of creation and the powers of the natural world, surely He can take care of one individual's pain and frustrations. We do not need to try to change God's ways of doing things. God's greatest help is making His presence known to us. In His presence, we can humbly endure whatever comes knowing we are His. (The Disciple's Bible, p. 627).

Then the Lord answer Job out of the storm. He said:

***Who is this that darkens my counsel with words without knowledge?
Brace yourself like a man;
I will question you and you shall answer me.***

***Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation?
Tell me, if you understand.
Who marked off its dimensions?
Surely you know!
Who stretched a measuring line across it?
On what were its footings set,
Or who laid its cornerstone –
While the morning stars sang together
And all the angels shouted for joy.***

We see that God made the stars and calls them by name. The universe we see which is so vast and unknowable is not a mystery to God. The shining stars which we enjoy in a beautiful night sky are praising God and causing us to praise Him too. We can depend on that Creator God to care for us.

Jesus is Himself known as a star come out of Israel and He called Himself by the beautiful and descriptive name of Bright Morning Star. He also called Himself the Light

of the World. (John 8:12). ***When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."***

Our faithful living as believers in this Almighty God and His Son makes us shine like stars ourselves as we share the Gospel with others.

At creation the morning stars sang together and the angels shouted for joy. Some day we will experience that when we are at home in heaven with Him.

We return to the scripture which we studied earlier.

***When I consider your heavens,
The work of your fingers,
The moon and the stars,
Which you have set in place
What is man that you care for him?***

As we go about our daily lives this week may we consider the heavens, the moon and stars and the One who placed them there. May we humbly thank God for the fact that He cares for us. ***Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!***

Call to Commitment:

Leader: Give copies of the following to each participant. Encourage them to memorize these words this week. Say the following together:

***O Lord, our Lord,
How majestic is your name in all the earth.***

***When I consider your heavens,
The work of your fingers,
The moon and the stars,
Which you have set in place***

***What is man that you are mindful of him,
The son of man that you care for him?
You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings,
And crowned him with glory and honor. (Psalm 8: 1, 3-5)***

Concluding the Service:

Conclude with a prayer of thanks to God for giving us the illustration of His stars that

remind us of His majesty, holiness, and His love for each of us.

You may want to sing again:

He Knows My Name, *The Worship Hymnal* #44: CCLI #2151368

Make a copy for each participant to be read to close the Worship Time.

***O Lord, our Lord,
How majestic is your name in all the earth.***

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The work of your fingers,
The moon and the stars,
Which you have set in place***

***What is man that you are mindful of him,
The son of man that you that you care for him?
You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings,
And crowned him with glory and honor. (Psalm 8: 1, 3-5)***