

The Excellent Name Of The Lord Psalms 008 Verse 1

To the chief Musician upon Gittith, A Psalm of David.

Ps 8:1 ¶ "O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens."

LORD in all caps is defined as *the self-Existent or Eternal God*. Certainly, here we see God the Father, but we also see Jesus Christ. How? Jesus is the only human person, who had power to raise his own body from the dead in resurrection, seen in: **Joh 10:17 "Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again."** I do not know how you can get more self-existent or eternal than that.

Lord with the first letter only in caps means *to rule, to be sovereign, to be the controller, to be the master, to be the owner*. Wherefore, we understand that this this Psalm is speaking of God the Father. However, we see a picture of Christ the Son, who is the creator of all things, and his lordship over the world. We also see a prophetic picture of God the Son. How can we see Jesus as Lord as Lord is defined? Who is your master and owner? Scripture tells us in: **1Co 6:19-20; 19 "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."** This is why, as children of God, we can say with David **"O LORD our Lord."**

"how excellent is thy name in all the earth!" Excellent means *wide or large, powerful, famous, gallant, glorious, goodly, lordly, mightier one, noble, principal, worthy*. Is there any name on earth that has ever had more use than that of God? The name of God is very largely and widely known in all the world. Has ever any name had more influence upon men as that of Jesus Christ? The name of Jesus is the most powerful name on earth and in the heavens. Why? Has the name of any man, but the name Jesus, ever caused the whole nature of a person to be changed from a dead state into a lively hope in Christ? The name of Jesus has a power that is unsurpassed.

Has the name of any man on earth ever had the glory of the name of Jesus? The names of many people on earth have been glorious in the minds of men, but they die and their glory fades away. However, though Jesus died upon the cross on earth and lay in the tomb, he did not stay there. Jesus arose from the dead and in his glorified body ascended back to his rightful place on the throne of God in the eternal heaven. Therefore, the name of Jesus is more glorious than any other name, as seen in: **Php 2:5-11; 5 "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."** The name of Jesus then is excellent in that it meets every definition given for the word excellent.

"who hast set thy glory above the heavens." Just think about all the things in the visible heaven, and on the earth, that God has created, without inclusion of the things man has created. These things are all very glorious, yet the Psalm tells us that God has set his glory above the heavens. Some time ago I saw a cartoon showing Charlie Brown and Snoopy, his dog, and they were looking up at the night sky with the moon and stars shining brightly. Charlie Brown says to Snoopy: "if the bottom of heaven is this beautiful, imagine what it must be like on the topside." Even the cartoonist knew there was something more glorious than what we can see upon the earth.

How else can we see the prophesy of Jesus Christ? Let's look at **"thy glory"** to see. **Joh 17:5 "And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was."** Jesus had the glory of God the Father upon him before the world was created. Jesus manifested this glory to Peter, James, and John, while he was on earth, seen in: **Lu 9:28-32; 28 ¶ "And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray. 29 And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistering. 30 And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias: 31 Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem. 32 But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him."** These three men saw the glory of God the Father upon God the Son for a short time. This glory was further manifested as seen in:

Joh 1:14 "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." John testifies to us that Jesus is the Word. What Word you ask? The Word that was able to speak and create all things from nothing. John testifies that Jesus the Word was the Son of God, and that he saw the glory of God upon him.

Where is Jesus now? Stephen testified of where Jesus is now when they were stoning him to death, seen in: **Ac 7:55-56; 55 "But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, 56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God."** We also have the testimony of the author of Hebrews in: **Heb 12:2 "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."** Where is the throne of God? It is not on this earth. It is not in the visible heaven above us. It is in the eternal heaven which is beyond the visible heaven and the invisible heaven. Wherefore, God has set **"thy glory above the heavens."**

This is what David is telling us about the name of the **"LORD our Lord."** This is the name of the God who created all things that we know in this life. This is the name of the God who has created all things that we hope for and believe in, in the eternal perspective. This is the name of Jesus Christ, the Word, who has made all things, both natural and eternal. In the place that Jesus has gone to prepare for us, which is above the heavens, and we shall see the four beast saying to him that sitteth upon the throne, seen in: **Re 4:8 ¶ "And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come."** There we shall see, and fully understand, the excellency, and the glory, of the name of the **"LORD our Lord,"** Hallelujah! Amen!

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Christ the chiefest among ten thousand.

- 1 O THOU, in whose presence my soul takes delight,
On whom in affliction I call;
My comfort by day, and my song in the night,
My hope, my salvation, my all:
- 2 Where dost thou at noon tide resort with
thy sheep,
To feed on the pastures of love?
Say why in the valley of death should I weep,
Or alone in the wilderness rove?
- 3 O why should I wander an alien from thee,
And cry in the desert for bread?
Thy foes will rejoice when my sorrows they see,
And smile at the tears I have shed.
- 4 Ye daughters of Zion, declare, if you've seen
The star that on Israel shone:
Say if in your tents my Beloved has been,
And where with his flock he has gone.
- 5 What is thy Beloved, thou dignified fair?
What excellent beauties has he?
His charms and perfections be pleased to
declare,
That we may embrace him with thee.
- 6 This is my Beloved: his form is divine,
His vestments shed odor around;
The locks on his head are as grapes on the vine,
When autumn with plenty is crowned.

- 7 The roses of Sharon, the lilies that grow,
In the vales, on the banks of the streams,
On his cheeks in the beauty of excellence blow,
And his eyes are as quivers of beams.
- 8 His voice, as the sound of the dulcimer sweet,
Is heard through the shadows of death;
The cedars of Lebanon bow at his feet,
The air is perfumed with his breath.
- 9 His lips as the fountain of righteousness flow,
That waters the garden of grace,
From which their salvation the Gentiles
shall know,
And bask in the smiles of his face.
- 10 Love sits on his eyelids and scatters delight
Through all the bright mansions on high;
Their faces the cherubims veil in his sight,
And tremble with fullness of joy.
- 11 He looks, and ten thousands of angels rejoice,
And millions attend on his word;
He speaks, and eternity filled with his voice
Re-echoes the praise of her Lord.
- 12 Such is my Beloved, in excellence bright,
When pleased he looks down from above,
Like the morn when he breathes from the
chambers of light,
And comforts his people with love.