



New Year Message 1

“Who Are Human Beings That You Care For Them?”

Psalms 8

Series Overview: This past year has been a test for humans in many ways. Yet every New Year brings hope. A page is turned. Goals are in place. The human spirit receives a sometimes too brief of a lift as resolutions dissipate. But believers in God know Who is in control and Who offers solutions for all earthly problems. It is now a time for ***Inspiration!*** Not only the divinely ***inspired*** Word of God, but ***inspiration*** from various sources that calm the soul and elevate our hearts to greatness! One definition of “inspiration” is the “action or power of moving the intellect or emotions.” In this series, we will consider a few of the great Psalms from King David that continue to move our mind and spirit to trust in our God. This “book” is a collection of poetry, or songs, that speak to a great variety of human experiences. It gives answers to many of life’s great questions. In these divine psalms, we find ***Inspiration!***

Lesson Introduction: David grew up as a shepherd boy, often alone at night with his sheep sleeping while he watched over them with love and care. He was a good provider and protector as he developed skills such as using a sling to ward off dangerous animals. The combination of watching over his sheep and being out in nature, particularly at night when he had the time to reflect, made him not only a good shepherd but caused him to align his experiences into getting to know more about God, the creator of sheep, the stars, and David himself. It was in one of those moments that he wrote by ***inspiration*** this ***inspiring*** song (Psalm 8) that considers the greatness of God with the “smallness” of human beings and what all that means. Answering this question, “*Who are human beings that you care for them?*” is worthy of our consideration as we find ***inspiration*** for a fantastic year ahead!

WE SERVE A _____ GOD!

1. A God deserving of praise and glory. Vss. 1-2
2. A God who is our Protector against our enemies. Vs. 2
3. A God who is our Creator of this awesome universe. Vs. 3
 - a. Look at what he created before he rested on Day 7:
 - Day 1: Day and Night
 - Day 2: Sky and Seas
 - Day 3: Land and Vegetation

- Day 4: Sun and Moon
 - Day 5: Fish and Birds
 - Day 6: Animals and Humans
- b. *"The heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array." Genesis 2:2*

BUT...

"What is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?" vs.4

"What is mankind that you make so much of them, that you give them so much attention?" Job 7:17

"He is my loving God and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, my shield, in whom I take refuge." Psalm 144:2

See also Hebrews 2:6-9

GOD CREATED HUMANS FOR _____ vs. 6-8

1. God created us to be _____ beings (under angels), made in his likeness. *Genesis 1:27; 2:7*
2. God has made us to be _____ (caretakers?) over his creations. *Genesis 1:28-30; 2:15*
3. God has given his followers " _____ and _____ " – bestowed with power and purpose.

Here's a good prayer to say or song to sing every morning this year:

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

(the classic song "Doxology")