



4/8/24

*Yesterday, we sang the words, "Jesus is in this room, here right now, here right now...making this place I stand, holy ground, holy ground." The words captured me as I sang them on Sunday...HE makes the ground holy. I don't. When Moses met God in the burning bush, and He told Moses to take off his sandals because he was standing on holy ground...it was because God was there, not Moses. What a beautiful, wonderful, majestic, loving God we have! He makes the ground we stand on holy simply by being near us...and He WANTS to be near us!!! Wow!*

*Blessings,  
Jonna*

*Psalm 8:1-9 ~*

*This psalm is a song intended for choirs to sing. Every time I see that a psalm is intended to be sung by a choir, I have to conclude that the psalmist wants to make sure these words are repeated over and over, with a melody and harmonies that stir my heart to a deeper, more personal worship of my Lord. This psalm was written by David.*

*Vs. 1 ~ David says, "O LORD, our Lord." The Hebrew is more specific. "O Yahweh (personal name for God), our Lord (master)..." David took God's personal name and connected it with His role. That would be like me saying, "O Tim, my husband." So...O my personal God, who I can now call, "Abba, Father" through Jesus, You are my Master. You are in charge.*

*Then he said, "How majestic is Your name in all the earth!" How majestic...how mighty, excellent, powerful, glorious...is Your name...Your character and reputation...in ALL the earth. When they would talk about someone's name, they would be saying this is true about that person's character and reputation. This is what that person is known for and it is proven by that person's actions. The Lord is known for His hugeness, His goodness, His power, His excellence...everywhere. Even where people don't want to acknowledge God, they can still see His majesty. It's really interesting to me how so many people don't want to acknowledge who*

*God is, and yet they talk about Him and think about Him. It's clear that He has stamped His image on our hearts.*

*"You have set Your glory above the heavens." His majesty is in all the earth, and His glory...His goodness, and kindness, and splendor...are above the heavens. Whatever awesomeness I see in the stars or in the sun or with a sunrise or sunset, God's glory is more and higher. Do I believe that? All I have to do is center my attention on Him and I will find it to be true.*

*Vs. 2 ~ God can take the most helpless and dependent people, babies and infants, and show His strength...to be able to stop the enemy and avenger. God is able to stop them in their tracks. The power to stop the enemy doesn't come from me...I am as helpless as a baby. It comes from Him. I think of Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 12:9, "I will boast all the more gladly of weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." When I recognize my weakness and don't fight to prove my own strength, I open myself up to let God's power rest on me. If the choice is between my power and His, I would be crazy to pick my own. I can't stop the enemy. My wrestle is not against flesh and blood, but against the evil spiritual powers of this dark world (Ephesians 6:12). I choose God's power. He is greater than any enemy. He is able to silence the enemy...and He will. If the enemy is still speaking, I can know that I'm in the middle of the story.*

*Vs. 3-4 ~ David says, "When I look at the heavens, the work of Your fingers...what is man that You are mindful of him?" When I see the vastness of the stars, or the distance of the moon that God put in place...the universe that He upholds by the word of His power...or when I stand at the shore of an ocean and see it go for miles and miles, whose end is beyond my ability to see, I am overwhelmed by my smallness. I am nothing. And yet, God thinks of me! God cares for me!*

*I need to see my smallness, or I will think that God thinks of me and cares for me because of MY greatness. No. He thinks of and cares for me because of HIS greatness.*

*Vs. 5-8 ~ God not only thinks of me, He not only cares for me, but He has a plan for me. He's made me a little lower than the angels. I see the splendor of angels as they're described in scripture, and I can know that God has made me just a little lower than them...just as He had His own Son come to earth to be a little lower than the angels for a time (Hebrews 2:9). But now Jesus is high above all the angels, all mankind, and all powers. God has crowned me with glory and honor, a reflection of His glory and honor...Psalm 103 says that He also crowns me with steadfast love and mercy.*

*God has made me lower than the angels, but higher than any other work He's created. He's given me dominion over all of his works and put all of creation under my feet, just as He put all things under the feet of Jesus...including all of His enemies. I am an image bearer of God. I am not God. This is an honor...to bear His image...and it is humbling...to know that my dominion over creation...animals, birds, and fish...is just a shadow of His dominion over everything. I have dominion over every creature on land, everything that soars in the sky, and everything that*

*lives in the sea. God has dominion over rulers, authorities, and powers...all his enemies will be under His feet for all eternity. It's as good as done. Let me never think that the brokenness of this world means that He is not in control. It means He is patient. And He has a plan that will be fulfilled...with no detail forgotten...just as no detail has been forgotten in the heavens. He holds the sun and the moon and all the planets in their orbit...and it does not wear Him out.*

*Vs. 9 ~ In light of who He is, let me never stop singing this truth...O Yahweh, our Master...how majestic is your name in all the earth. O Lord, OUR Lord...I pray that I will never think that I only praise as an individual. I pray that I will see the beauty of praising Him with my brothers and sisters in Christ. I pray that we will worship Him together and find the beauty of the unity of worshiping our Personal Lord and Master, our Father...together.*

*This is what blows me away and why I want to worship You, Lord...Your glory is ABOVE the heavens, and yet You give me dominion over Your created beings. The very fact that You think of me and care about me when You are so huge just blows my mind. I will sing Your praises in awe over and over again. Let us, Your people, sing Your praises together in beautiful harmony. May we "in accord with Christ Jesus, together with one voice, glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 15:5-6).*