

# Big God, Little Hearts

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## I. **God's Big Work Ps 8:3-6; 2 Samuel 7:12-17**

- a. God makes covenant with David and his House 2 Samuel 7:12-17
- b. When I Consider You and Your Work Ps 8:3
  - i. When I consider Your Heavens and the work of Your Fingers
    1. Consider- to see
  - ii. General Revelation Romans 1:20
  - iii. Though the universe is vast and imparts to mankind a sense of smallness and insignificance (vv 4–5), nevertheless God has given to mankind a position of extraordinary strength within the universe (vv 6–9).
  - iv. The spontaneous reaction of a human being, upon seeing the nighttime universe reflected in the stars and moon, is to become aware of his own insignificance

## II. **Our little Status 2 Samuel 7:18**

- a. Who Am I; What is man v.18
  - i. David's question implicitly recognized that the Lord, not David, was the source of the transformation of the lowly shepherd of Bethlehem into Israel's king.
  - ii. David's response to the Lord's magnificent declarations was awestruck humility, solemnity, and bold faith
  - iii. Brought me this Far
    1. That you brought me this far David's question implicitly recognized that the Lord, not David, was the source of the transformation of the lowly shepherd of Bethlehem into Israel's king.
    2. David's employment of the phrase "Lord Yahweh" here is the first of seven occasions in this monologue. This phrase appears for the first time in the Old Testament in a tête-à-tête between the Lord and Abram in which the Lord revealed the blessed future of Abram's family (cf. Gen 15). David's reuse of the relatively unusual appellation for God in a similar context seems deliberate.
- b. What is Man
  - i. That you take thought
    1. Take thought- remember him
    2. *Mindful* has a compassionately purposeful ring, since 'God's remembering always implies his movement toward the object of his memory'
  - ii. That you Care for Him

1. Care for him- to be troubled about, be concerned for (in its second meaning) to care for, look<sup>1</sup>
- c. What more Can I say
  - i. Your Servant
    1. In David's acknowledgment of God's concern for the king's descendants, he referred to himself as the Lord's servant/ slave, the first of ten times he would do so during this prayer to God. In so doing David was following a pious tradition of using the socially demeaning term as a badge of honor.
- d. For the sake of your word
  - i. Your Heart you have done this

### III. **God is Great 2 Samuel 7:22; Ps 8:10**

- a. In light of all this, David could only marvel at "how great" (v. 22) the Lord is; no being is or could be his equal. Only a divine being could possibly do or be all that David attributed to the Lord, but "there is no God but" the Lord. Thus Israel's God—One who makes promises in the Torah and then acts for their sake so as to fulfill them and who can speak of their fulfillment even before the events themselves—is without peer
- b. How Majestic
  - i. Majestic - **mighty, magnificent**
  - ii. The psalm concludes on the same note as that on which it began—the praise of God's "name," for it was the name and the revelation which came through the name that transformed mankind's sense of universal insignificance into an awareness of the divine and significant plan.

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<sup>1</sup> Ludwig Koehler et al., [\*The Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament\*](#) (Leiden: E.J. Brill, 1994–2000), 956.