

Psalms 8:1-3

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I. Review

Last week we finished Psalms chapter 7, and now we've completed the first seven chapters. We've seen the process of building a solid relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. We saw how you come from the world, get into your walk with the Lord, and then onto the final victory—our gathering together unto Him.

❖ The Apostle John—An Example of a Relationship with Christ

We looked at the apostle John. His life is a great example of who we should be in our relationship with Christ. When you look at the lives of men and women in the Bible, you not only see actual people who lived in history, but the things they did in their lives often line up with many of the issues we face today. They are great models and examples for us to pattern our lives after. **God never intended for us just to figure out how to build a relationship with Him on our own.** He gave us the Bible, a pastor, and our church to help us; moreover, the Bible is full of great models and examples of people we can read and study about to see how they applied the things of God in their lives, or how they didn't apply the things of God in their lives.

❖ The Book of Revelation Pulls all the Other Books of the Bible Together

John writes the five wisdom books in the New Testament. (There are also five wisdom books in the Old Testament). The final book John writes, the last book in your Bible, is the book of Revelation. **The greatest key to the book of Revelation will be the title itself.** The Revelation, or God revealing His plan to man; the revelation of what God is doing. **The book of Revelation tells us what God has done, what He is doing now, and what He's going to do in the future.** You'll find that in Revelation 1:19. To you and to me, it's the final book in your Bible that pulls it all together and shows you the revelation of John, who is a type of the church, showing us that we too can have the revelation of what God is doing. **When you begin to go through and break down every book of the Bible (Old Testament and New Testament), you will find that the book of Revelation will pull all the books together. It's the capstone of the Bible. It's our own personal revelation of God to us.**

Thursday night (03/28/2024 Bible Study), I showed you the importance of the book of Daniel as a type of intro to the book of Revelation. It shows you the beginning of *the times of the Gentiles*, and I showed you how you walk it right up into the book of Revelation. The two books go together.

❖ Growing Up into Him

As you grow up into Him (Ephesians 4:15), going up the different levels in your spiritual life (and everybody is on different levels), **you finally get to the place that he talks about in Revelation 22:20 where you have such a relationship with the Lord that everything in your life is focused on Him and what you have from Him—the blessings, all that He's done for**

you, and the word of God that He's given you. All you want now is for Him to come back and take you away. It's getting sick of the world to the point where you can't stand it anymore, and that's why the last prayer of the Bible, in the book of Revelation by the greatest type of the Christian that ever lived (John), after he went through everything that he went through, was *Even so, come, Lord Jesus*. That should be the prayer on the lips of every child of God. You'll find it in Song of Solomon 2:13 where he talks about the bride and the bridegroom, and he says *Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away*.

The book of Psalms will also be the key to our hearing the heartbeat of God like John did. It shows us basically what God cares about, what He loves, what He hates...all the key areas of our relationship that we need to have with Him.

II. Psalms 8—The Depth of my Relationship with God from an Inspirational Application

❖ Comparing Psalms Chapter 8 to Proverbs Chapter 8

Proverbs chapter 8 is probably the greatest theological, doctrinal chapter of depth in the entire Bible. I think it would be safe to say that everything else that you're ever going to study in the Bible one way or the other will go back to Proverbs 8. When you come to Psalms 8, it's basically the same way but from an inspirational application. To me, Psalms 8 is probably the deepest, greatest personal chapter in the Bible that really helps me understand my relationship with God on a depth level—not a surface level.

Doctrinally, Psalms 8 is a millennial Psalm. We have come through seven chapters in Psalms dealing with being out of fellowship, the tribulation and chastisement because of it, and then the second coming. Now in chapter 8 we have the millennium—**Christ being glorified throughout the whole world and the whole universe.**

I want you to know the doctrinal aspect, but I also want to talk to you about the practical or inspirational aspect and how this really applies to us. It's an incredible chapter. **We will see God's majesty and His glory, how it will fill the world and everything around us, above and below us, and in time the whole universe. Keeping in mind that God will get the honor and glory out of everything He created. The original purpose of God creating everything was to show His honor and majesty.** I know that's been lost today; however, I want you to know that God created the heavens and the earth and everything that we're going to talk about today that displays the majesty of who He is, and He gets the honor and glory out of it. You'll want to remember that.

I want to read the whole chapter of Psalms 8 to give you a context of where this is all going.

Psalms 8. O LORD, our Lord, how excellent [is] thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

2. Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

3. When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

4. What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

5. or thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

6. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all [things] under his feet:

7. All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;

8. The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, [and whatsoever] passeth through the paths of the seas.

9. O LORD our Lord, how excellent [is] thy name in all the earth!

Today we're going to look at the first three verses.

III. Psalms 8:1—No More Excellent Name in All the Earth than the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ

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

This verse tells us that there is no more excellent name in all the earth than the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Acts 4:12 tells us, *neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*

❖ There are Three Heavens in the Bible

The Bible says that He set His glory above the heavens. In the Bible, there are three heavens. The word heavens in the Bible is used differently than we generally think about it. We think of the heavens we go to when we die if we're saved; however, the word heaven is also an expanse of space. **When the Bible talks about heavens (plural), He's talking about any combination**

of them. In 2 Corinthians 12:1-2, Paul tells us that he was caught up to the 3rd heaven, so there are three.

1. The first heaven is our atmosphere where you'll find birds flying.
2. The second heaven is outer space where you'll find the planets, stars, moon, sun, galaxies, etc.
3. The third heaven is where God's throne is located.

Understanding these will be the key to many times unlocking the context to some of the places in the Bible that can be confusing.

IV. Psalms 8:2—God uses Babies and the Unlearned

*Psalms 8:2. **Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.***

This is a really great verse, and you've got to see how this thing plays itself out. Now the reason for him using babies, *out of the mouth of babes*, to deliver the truth of his glory will be found in places like Isaiah 28:9-10.

*Isaiah 28:9-10. **Whom shall he teach knowledge** (He asks the question)? **and whom shall he make to understand doctrine?** (Now here he is talking about who am I going to get to understand my Bible? Where does it start? Who am I going to teach those things to?) **[them that are] weaned from the milk, [and] drawn from the breasts (babies).***

*10. For precept [must be] upon precept, **precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, [and] there a little:***

It's God taking you as a baby Christian. You come here, you just get saved, and you begin to build a relationship with Christ. The Bible tells us that you are babies and weaned on the sincere milk of the word. But you begin to grow thereby. This is what He does. **God takes baby Christians (Psalms 8:2), and through places like Isaiah 28:9-10, develops them through the local New Testament church.** Like I said last week, moving up those spiritual levels in his Christian life. We saw the process in the first seven chapters of Psalms.

❖ The Final Nail in the Scholarly World's Coffin

This is an absolute killer verse to the educated Christian, scholastic world which I call the Alexandrian cult (Egypt). You're going to notice in this chapter, which deals with being ordained and delivering the glory of God to the world, there are no PhDs mentioned here. There are no Doctors of Divinity, no ThDs, no references to Bible colleges, theological seminaries, or universities...it's babies. Babies who start on the milk of the word and grow up with the doctrine of the word.

Look at Isaiah 29:12, and what a great verse this is. This finishes it.

Isaiah 29:12. And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned.

Do you see that? The book is delivered to somebody who has no education. He said, *I am not learned*. Now that is the greatest state you can find yourself in to not only learn the Bible but to have a relationship with God. There are a couple of examples in the Bible.

God uses Unlearned Men

1. Moses. God wanted to use Moses to deliver the nation of Israel from the hand of Pharaoh. God meets him out in the backside of the desert, and God tries to tell him what He's going to do with him. Moses says he is not able to do it. He says he isn't a learned man. Because he was weak, God took him, trained him, gave him what he needed, and he became one of the greatest prophets in the Bible to the nation of Israel.
2. Jeremiah. In the first chapter of Jeremiah, God is going to send Jeremiah to the nation of Israel. Jeremiaah says he is just a child and that he can't speak. God said he wanted him as a child and unlearned. The Bible says that God touched his lips and put the word of God in his mouth. He also became one of the greatest prophets to the nation of Israel.

I don't know how we lose sight of those things in Christianity today, but we sure do—and *the book is delivered to him that is not learned*.

❖ A Common Bible in a Common Language for a Common Man

You hopefully have a King James Bible in your lap today. **A guy by the name of William Tyndale translated the second English Bible that is in the line that the King James Bible comes from.** The English language just hadn't caught up with it yet. He lived around 1500. **He was severely criticized because he put an English Bible together that the common man could read.** The scholars went ballistic. They wanted to keep the Bible out of the hands of the common man while Tyndale wanted to put it into the hands of the common man. Tyndale is one of the great men down through church history. One day he's standing in a meeting with all the scholars of England who are against him putting a common Bible in a common language for a common man. **He notices a plowboy out the window who is plowing a field across the way. He then looks at the great scholars of England and says, "Gentlemen, someday that plowboy will know more of the Bible than all of the scholars in England."** What a true statement. Tyndale saw it and understood it.

Acts 4:13. Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

❖ The Weaker and More Unlearned you are, the Better God can Use You

1 Corinthians 2:1-9. And I, brethren (this is Paul speaking now), when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.

*2. For I determined **not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.***

*3. And I was with you **in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.***

4. And my speech and my preaching [was] not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

*5. That **your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.***

6. Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:

7. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, [even] the hidden [wisdom], which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

8. Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known [it], they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

9. But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

There are four things that you need to see in this passage.

1. In verse 2, all you need to begin to build a knowledge of God and the word of God is Jesus and your salvation. Paul said it, and he was one of the greatest learned men in all the Bible; however, he took all his education and degrees and compared them to dung. He says in verse 2, *For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.*
2. In verses 3-4, he says the weaker and more unlearned you are, the better God can use you.
3. In verses 5-6, the key is not the wisdom of men, but the power of God. And there is no power of God in the wisdom of man.
4. In verses 7-8, the unlearned can never get the mystery of the message of God that is hidden because it comes neither through the wisdom of man nor higher education; in fact, the dumber you are the better off you are, and God teaches you there.

There are times you deal with people who think they are saved but are not really saved. They made some profession of faith back at some church someplace, but their whole life is messed up. They are not where they need to be, yet if you would talk to them, they would hang their salvation on some distant thing in the past; however, their whole life denies that, and you want to try to get them saved. One of the hardest things to do is get somebody who thinks they're saved

to see that they're unsaved so that you can get them saved. It's tough because they have thought all their life that they are saved but have missed all the key elements of what real salvation is. It's the same way with "severely" educated people when it comes to the Bible. For somebody educated beyond their intelligence, outside the wisdom of God and in the wisdom of man, it's hard to teach them anything when they think they're so smart. The greatest key in your relationship with Christ is understanding how stupid we all are. **Just like Paul, we are weak; and the weaker you are, the stronger God can be in your life.**

*Luke 10:21. In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, **that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes:** even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight.*

Do you see that? **Christ is rejoicing in the fact that God hid His word from the educated crowd of his time (the scribes, Pharisees, and Sadducees). And He's thanking God that He revealed it to babes.** This is just what we've been looking at in Psalms 8:2. We see that when God wants the honor and glory and ordains strength through the earth, he does it through babies...young baby Christians who grow by the sincere milk of the word (I Peter 2:2) and begin through the process in the local New Testament church found in Isaiah 28:9-10 to teach knowledge and understand doctrine building a Biblical foundation in their life.

Isaiah 28:10. For precept [must be] upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, [and] there a little:

The process of learning is found in Isaiah 28:10, and that's how you build people. Churches should never build buildings; they need to have a building, but that should not be their primary focus. People think mega buildings are a picture of success. Maybe it is in the world and man's wisdom, but what God looks at is not the building we build, but the people we build. It's putting the word of God into your life, coming here, getting saved, somebody putting their arms around you, walking you up the levels, teaching you the Bible, giving you what you need, and you becoming the man or woman that God wants you to be.

V. Psalms 8:3—The Heavens Declare God's Glory

3. When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

What a great verse. There is so much here, and we'll just take it one bite at a time. I want you to understand some fundamental things. In the Bible, you take the word "ordained." **Ordained means to be set apart to preach the gospel;** to be sent out from a New Testament local church as an extension of that church. You will find in the book of Acts that everybody that went out was sent out by a New Testament local church. Nobody just went out on their own.

❖ In the Bible, there are Seven Different Ordinations

1. **The apostles were ordained**—Mark 3:14. They are ordained to go to the nation of Israel, Matthew 10, and declare the kingdom of heaven.
2. **Timothy was ordained**—Acts 16:4 and I & II Timothy. Timothy is a young man who gets saved, grows up through his church, gets the Bible, gets taught, gets trained, and gets ordained. He then becomes a New Testament pastor sent out by the church of Antioch to start a church.
3. **Each of us, if truly saved, as New Testament Christians have been ordained to bring forth fruit**—*John 15:16, Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and [that] your fruit should remain:* So every one of us that are saved this morning have been ordained in that sense to be sent out to tell the story of Christ, win people to Christ, to bear fruit, and to make sure that fruit remains.
4. **Christ who is ordained of God**—Acts 10:42. This will be the hidden wisdom in I Corinthians 2:7 that we talked about.
5. **The high priests in the Old Testament were ordained**—Hebrews 8:3.
6. **The power of civil government is ordained of God**—Romans 13:1. God puts governments into existence, and we are to obey the government because they have been ordained by God and the powers of God. Bob Jones Junior once preached a message in which he said it's not our responsibility to disobey the government because we don't like what it does, it's our responsibility under God's ordination of governments to obey the government because God judges nations just like He judges individuals (Psalms 9:17). Our responsibility is to obey, and God blesses us for following that ordination of civil government.
7. **The objects God made with His fingers**—Psalms 8:1-3. The moon, the stars, the sun, the planets, and the galaxies. The heavens themselves and all the host of them have a purpose in God's plan. They too have been set apart to declare God's glory and they have been ordained.

❖ When it comes to God's Glory and Him getting Honor & Glory out of everything in the Bible, there are Four things set apart to Declare His Glory to the World.

1. **The word of God.** There's no question that the word of God declares God's glory.
2. **Christ Himself.** The Lord Jesus Christ declares God's glory.
3. **You and Me.** Once you get saved, your life and my life should be used for bringing honor and glory to the Lord Jesus Christ so that other people see Christ in our lives.
4. **All the things God created.** In particular, the heavens declare the glory of God.

There would have been five, but Israel rejected as seen in 2 Chronicles 36 and Matthew 12-13.

VI. Things that God Made with His Fingers

Now I want to talk to you out of Psalms 8 about the things that God made with His fingers. There are two great passages on this in Psalms. Boy, am I going to do this an injustice this morning, but we just don't have the time to dive into it deeper.

*Psalms 33:6-9. **By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.***

7. He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.

8. Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

*9. **For he spake, and it was [done]; he commanded, and it stood fast.***

❖ The Absolute Power of the Word of God

Now the first thing I want you to see and try to understand is the absolute power of the word of God. All this is done by the word of the Lord (*by the word of the LORD were the heavens made*), and that is the same word that you hold in your lap today. **In other words, you have the power of God that created the heavens when He spoke the worlds into existence because He spoke it out of the Book that you've got in your lap today.** You have in your hands today all you need in order to do all that God wants you to do because you have the absolute power by the inspiration of God through the word of God. Psalms 8:1 says, *who hast set thy glory above the heavens.*

❖ God's Word Stands Fast

Psalms 33:9 says, *For he spake, and it was [done]; he commanded, and it stood fast.* What a great principle. **When God speaks His word to us through the principles, the stories, or the doctrines, it's done. It's fixed; it stands fast. God doesn't change or alter what He says.** He doesn't say one thing in this century and then change it in another century. **The same word put the heavens into motion, to go through a galactic pattern, and follow the law of the universe. They stay in focus; they don't get out of orbit; they don't quit rotating. And that's because the word that spoke them into power and spoke them into existence never changes or alters.**

It's the same way in our Christian lives. That's the beauty of the Bible. The heavens run through their courses by a perfect pattern set in motion by the word of God. **And life for us as Christians is the exact same way—a perfect pattern that will never change nor fail us.** You have in your hands today the absolute power of the word of God held fast by the very word of God when He spoke it into existence. That's why the world hates the Bible. That's why the devil wants to take it out of your life. That's why when you start to get out of fellowship with God, the first thing you leave is your Bible because it is the catalyst of power that you have.

❖ The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

Now I want you to notice in Psalms 19:1 that it talks about his handywork. This will be the work of His fingers in Psalms chapter 8.

Psalms 19:1-6. The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

2. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

3. [There is] no speech nor language, [where] their voice is not heard.

4. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,

5. Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

6. His going forth [is] from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

❖ A Universal Language

Notice that it says in Psalms 19:2 that when the heavens declare the glory of God, there is a speech. Each night that showeth knowledge. And verse 3 says that it's a universal language that all nations can understand. **There's no language barrier with it.**

Verse 4 says his line (what somebody says) goes through the whole earth and his words to the end of the world. **It shows us that when God created the heavens that are the work of His fingers, there is a language that comes through that which declares God's glory.** There is a speech that for every man and woman down through history, no matter what nation you are from, is universal. **God put in the heavens the glory of God that bridges every nationality and language barrier.** It says it goes on from Genesis 1:1, at the beginning of the creation, to the end of the world in Revelation 20. The message of the word of God through the heavens never stops.

❖ The Theme of His Speech is the Day of the Lord

Psalms 19:4 really shows you the context of what God's glory is all about in the heavens. *In them* (the heavens) *hath he set a tabernacle for the sun.* **The theme of His ongoing speech, the language day after day and night after night which goes through the whole earth that every language and nation can understand, is the day of the Lord—the second coming of Christ.**

One of the great keys in there is that when he comes back, he says *hath he set a tabernacle for the sun.* He was born at the Feast of Tabernacles, and He's coming back in the Feast of

Tabernacles. There are all kinds of keys through there if you're just paying attention. **Malachi 4:2 talks about the Sun of righteousness rising with healing in his wings. It doesn't say "s-o-n" but rather "S-u-n" showing us that the sun is a type of the Lord Jesus Christ.**

Do you ever see the sun when it comes up in the morning? It's blood red. Do you ever see the sun when it sets at night? It's blood red. **God fixed the atmosphere so that the first thing that a man would see when he walks out the door in the morning is the blood of Jesus Christ—God's son, and the last thing he sees as the sun dips over the horizon is the blood of Jesus Christ—the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin (I John 1:7).** It declares the glory of God.

Psalms 19:5, *Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber...there is Christ coming for you and for me. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.* Then in verse 6. *his circuit unto the ends of it* (the earth). **The circuit will be the pattern or the path that God takes down through history.** You'll find that circuits are found and defined for you in Ecclesiastes Chapter 1.

VII. Four Things Found in the Bible that Man is Transfixed With

I've looked at life for a long time. I've been saved over 50 years and preached the Bible all that time. I've watched people and experienced things in life. I've learned that there are four things that man will sit and look at for hours and lose himself in his own thoughts just looking at it. **I believe with all my heart that this is where God begins to knock on the doors of our hearts because all four of these things are great keys in the Bible with God.**

1. **Mountains.** How majestic are the mountain ranges in Colorado, the Alps in Switzerland, the snow-capped Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa. Men get transfixed with mountains. They mountain climb, but mountains will never be conquered. They're the most unforgiving places on this planet. Did you know when a guy dies climbing Mount Everest, his body is left there? It's too dangerous to recover it. In the Bible you have Mount Sinai, Mount Carmel, Mount Gilead, Mount Gilboa, Mount Nebo, Mount Hebron, and Mount Calvary where Jesus paid the price. A guy begins to get transfixed with those great mountains, and God begins to work inside him. There's not a time in my life that I look at a mountain that I don't think of Mount Zion on the sides of the north.
2. **Oceans.** I could sit on a seashore on a little bench and watch the waves smash over the rocks for hours. It's an endless horizon of water, and we know more about the surface of the moon than we know about what is on the bottom of the oceans. The Challenger Deep within the Mariana Trench is 35,800 feet deep. Men always try to conquer the ocean, but one tsunami can come in and wipe out a whole city. There's not a time that I look at the ocean where it doesn't run me back to *the deep* in Genesis.
3. **Fire.** Late at night while camping, the campfire is crackling and burning. You just look into that fire and watch the burning embers and the different colors in the flames. You feel the heat and you hear it. There isn't a time that I don't look into a fire and feel that intense heat and thank God that I'm never going to experience the lake of fire. I believe that is where God begins to tap an unsaved man.

4. **The Heavens.** The vastness of God's firmament—second heaven, or outer space. I used to take my telescope out at various places, and people would stand in line to look through the telescope. People reject tracks, but I've never had anybody say they didn't want to look through a telescope. You know why? It's an attraction that the heavens declare the glory of God. Outer space for us as humans is incomprehensible. I've spent 60 years of my life at the eyepiece of a telescope. I took all the photographs on display here this morning. I've seen solar eclipses and lunar eclipses. I've watched the inner two planets, Venus and Mercury, with the right filters go across the face of the sun. I've seen the Great Red Spot on Jupiter, the rings of Saturn and the divisions in the rings, and the ice caps on Mars. I've watched the moons of Jupiter and Saturn dance around a planet. I've studied the sweet influences of the Pleiades.

❖ Studying the Heavens

I've studied both in the Bible and at a telescope the eight ordinances of heaven that you find in Job 38:31. I've seen the 88 constellations and learned their positions, and I saw how they laid out the gospel story in their origin. I saw that in the northern hemisphere you had a northern cross, but in the southern hemisphere you had a southern cross. There it is in the sky, a big cross that anybody can see. You have Argo and the ark, Eridanus the river that the ark floats on, Serpens and Scorpius which represent the devil, and Draco the dragon. **The Bible tells you that heaven is north, but did you know that there are two north stars? There is a North Star that is a magnetic north that your compass always goes to and then there is a North Star that is the true north.** Isn't that a great picture? There's a magnetic north that's only a couple of degrees off, but if you're using it to travel someplace, you'll be a thousand miles off by the time you think you're getting to where you're going. There are a lot of people that believe God and try to get to heaven with magnetic north; however, you need true north.

When you look at the heavens, you have what is called the Corona Borealis which is the northern crown, and it's right in the north around the North Star and then wrapping around that is Serpens the serpent and its head is trying to devour the crown just like the story of the Bible. You have Draco the dragon, Virgo the virgin, the seven sisters of the Pleiades, Orion, Hercules, Ophiuchus, and Aries the ram...it's the gospel in the stars, and it's endless because the Bible says that their speech doesn't end. The language is an international language.

The 12 constellations are not about astrology, they match up to the 12 tribes of Israel that divide the second heaven into 12 segments that God is going to use. *When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained.* **When you look at these things and see them through a telescope, you see the vastness and you just cannot help but know there is somebody bigger than you out there. There isn't a person that ever looked through a telescope or looked out at the vastness of the heavens who came away saying, "I think that was evolution."** No, you had to be taught that. Somebody who rejected God and the Bible had to tell you that. Your first appreciation is *How Great Thou Art*—the power of Almighty God.

❖ The Devil Tries to Corrupt, Change, and Destroy the Heavens Which Declare God's Glory

When man looks deep into God's handywork, it'll be the first step of God reaching out to him. **So, what did the devil do with the heavens that declared God's glory? He did the same thing that he did with God's word. He corrupted it; he changed it, he destroyed it** through men with high degrees that hated God and the word of God. They took young men and ladies and educated them out of their knowledge of an Almighty God and His creation. They'll do the same thing to keep you from bringing God's glory to the world, too.

I used to go into colleges and lay out the gospel in the stars. I would take questions, and a guy asked me one time what I thought of the Big Bang Theory. I said I believed in the Big Bang Theory. He said, "Oh, really? You believe the universe started with a big bang?" I said, "No, but I believe it's going to end with one."

Every scientist on the planet accepts the two fundamental laws of thermodynamics. The first law of thermodynamics states that matter can never be created or destroyed. It's got to come from somewhere. The second law of thermodynamics states that things left to a random state don't run up; they run down. **Those two laws cancel out anything that they teach about evolution.** Things aren't evolving up; they're going down. The devil wants you to think that you started as a worm and then you became what you are today; however, the Bible says that we started out with Adam and Eve but unsaved man degenerates (Isaiah 66) in the lake of fire to a worm. It's evolution in reverse.

VIII. Summary

Man has changed the meaning of the constellations, 88 of them, back to Greek and Roman mythology and lost sight of the true biblical story that's taught in those. Now they're all based on the devil and his sons of God in Genesis 6. They reinvent the heavens just like they've reinvented the Bible. Yet **God has set up everything that He has created to reveal himself to man, and man has changed it to hide it.**

❖ Men are without Excuse

Romans 1:20. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood (how) by the things that are made, [even] his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

Everything that God created manifests something about God and the glory in the heavens. He put them up there, and no matter how man tries to change or hide it, they are without excuse. God will bring everything into judgement.

Psalms 8:1-3 clearly shows us how God's power and strength is revealed through the things that He made. Some of God's people get saved but are content to learn nothing about God all their lives. Some people will learn only the basic things about God. They'll get off at the 20th floor

and look for the lounge. Then there will be those who want to know everything about God. They're not satisfied but always learning and searching. They want the deep things of God. Men and women who will invest their whole life in learning everything about God, what He is doing, who He really is, and in the process realize what He's really done for them.