

I. Review

Last week we started Psalms 8 and what an incredible chapter! It goes along with Proverbs 8, which is probably the deepest chapter in the Bible on God in the Bible and everything He is doing. Psalms 8 inspirationally, is probably the deepest part of the Bible that helps us understand our relationship with God. Doctrinally, it is a millennial Psalms.

❖ The book of Psalms will break down three ways, doctrinally.

Tribulation Psalms – where the Jew is going through the tribulation period, typified by David and what he goes through. Second coming Psalms, where the Lord is coming to deliver them. Millennial Psalms which deal with Christ on the Throne in Jerusalem and the Earth being filled with His glory. Christ in His glory on the Throne being proclaimed throughout the Earth and throughout the universe.

❖ Four Areas that God will use to get His Glory out to a Lost World

I showed you four areas that God will use to get His glory out to a lost world. The first one is the Word of God. The second one is Jesus Christ Himself. The third one will be you and me as believers taking the word of God to the ends of the Earth. And the fourth one will be that the heavens declare the glory of God.

❖ God has Ordained the Heavens for the Purpose of Declaring His Glory

We talked about how He has ordained the heavens and set them apart for the purpose of declaring that glory. I gave you two great verses: *Psalms 33:6* “By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.” It was the Bible that created it all and it is the word of God that holds it fast. That nothing in God’s creation ever gets out of control or changes. Then *Psalms 19:1-2* “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.” I showed you that “day unto day” will deal with the Sun and “night unto night” will deal with the moon and the stars and all the things we see at night.

The Bible says both day and night it uttereth speech and it is a universal language that every man on Earth can get introduced to God through the creation of the heavens. The world has changed and corrupted it all. Just like our Bibles today have destroyed the truth and the witness of who God is and why He is doing what He is doing. The devil will take these two things and destroy them both. Unfortunately, many times he does the same thing with God’s people.

We also saw how everything God created He created for His honor and glory. To show man who He really is by showing Himself through His creation. Inspirationally, we talked about how we will take the glory of God through our lives with the word of God to the ends of the Earth. Christ in you, the word of God and of course, the heavens.

❖ God uses the Weak and Unlearned

God will use the weak and unlearned to give them His truth, His strength, His understanding, and His wisdom to do God's work, declaring God's glory to the world. The Bible made it very clear that He use the unlearned. He is not interested in the great educated minds of the Bible or the PHD's and all the people who hold themselves up as Bible scholars and Bible experts. **God takes the common man with a common Bible to reach the common world.** Christian education and higher education just like higher secular education will always be used to **do two things**. Instead of bringing God to man and making him closer to his creator. The unsaved world, scientists, and those who have nothing to do with God and Christianity, they make God non-existent. They say that there is no God and that it happened through a natural process. They make God non-existent when it comes to science. On the other hand, religion will teach you that God is unreachable. That He is too far out there for you to get to Him. That you must learn the Greek and the Hebrew and spend 30-40 years learning some dead language before you can really have a relationship with God.

II. Psalms 8:4 God and His Glory

Today, we are going to look at our next verse in section two of Psalms 8.

*1. 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. For 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!

I want to look at just one verse today, verse 4. Throughout this Psalm, not only are we talking about God's glory, but we are also talking about God's greatness. If you want to expand your search and your study, I advise you to go back to the book of Isaiah 41-48. You will have in those chapters **God laid out as the supreme being of the universe.** When you talk about God's greatness and Him being the supreme being of the universe, there are three key attributes of God. **Three key words** that we can learn about God and His glory that sets Him apart and makes Him different from all the other false gods and any other religion that is out there.

If you want to put them in your Bible where you can always remember it, I would suggest you put it in Revelation 19:6.

1.) God is Omniscient - He is all Knowing.

One of the great things about God is that you could have 200 million people standing in a crowd a hundred million light years away from God's throne. All facing away from God and all talking to Him at the same time. Yet He hears each one separately and never gets it mixed up on who is who. That is God's – all knowing.

2.) God is Omnipresent - He is Everywhere.

He fills the expanse of space of all three heavens. Yet He lives inside each of us, if we know the Lord Jesus Christ as our own personal savior. He is everywhere. He lives inside us. He hears everything we hear. He watches everything that we take into our minds. There will never be a place that you go that He doesn't go too. **He not only fills the expanse of Earth and the universe, but He wants to fill the expanse of your heart!**

3.) God is Omnipotent - He is all Powerful.

You can see all three of these displayed throughout the Bible as he deals with man down through history. We see it in Genesis 6 when He brought the worldwide flood of Noah's time. We saw it when He split the Red Sea. By the way, not only will the secular world try to explain those away, so does the Christian world when you get into the higher education realm. They will tell you it wasn't a worldwide flood, that it was a local flood. They will say, He didn't split the Red Sea, that is a mistranslation. It was the sea of reeds which was only four or five inches deep. **They do anything they can to take away from the power of almighty God.**

We see God's power in Jericho, when they marched around the city seven times, the walls fell down. What about in Joshua, where you have your lost day in the Bible. Most people don't even know about this. Professor C.A. Totten from Yale University (a Bible believer), back in 1890 calculated that in human history there is twenty-four hours missing in our time. Because he was a Bible believer he went back to the Bible and found that in Joshua 10:12-14 there were twenty-three hours and forty minutes missing. When you go over to 2 Kings 20:9 with the sun dial, you find the remaining twenty minutes. That totals the missing day in time.

Harry Rimmer wrote a book back in 1939 called, "The Harmony of Science and Scripture". It is one of the greatest books you could ever read. He had an offer of \$50,000 to anybody who could take his book and disclaim anything that he wrote in his book that they thought was not true. That book has been out for 70-80 years and nobody ever claimed that offer. You know why? Because it is based on the Bible.

How about the rising of the dead people back in the Old Testament and the New Testament? That took special powers to do that. We see all of the things that God did down through history that can only be done because of the power that He has!

These three concepts (Omniscient, Omnipresent, Omnipotent) make God who He is! There is no other God like Him. That is what Isaiah 41-48 tells you. As you go through the Bible you will find stories that are great examples of this.

❖ God's Power Shown - Elijah & the False Prophets of Baal

One of my favorite examples, is where Elijah is up against the false prophets of Baal in 1 Kings 18. If you read that story in verses 17-40, you will find that these are the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal that belong to Jezebel who is married to Ahab. Elijah takes on all four hundred and fifty of them. So the odds are four hundred and fifty to one. **The test is, whose God is real.** Will it be the God of Elijah, or will it be the god of Jezebel and the four hundred and fifty prophets? So, they put a little test together. They built an altar to make a sacrifice. The four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal go first by trying to call down fire from heaven. They scream, yell and dance. They get so caught up into it that they actually cut themselves to get their god to come down. Yet, no fire falls from heaven. The Bible says that Elijah mocks them. He says, "Where is your god, is he on vacation?" "What happened to him?" No fire comes down.

Now it is high noon—that is important. Elijah's says okay, it is my turn. He goes to his altar, and he has the wood and prepares to do the sacrifice. He gets a big fifty-five-gallon drum of water and pours it on the sacrifice. He gets a second fifty-five-gallon drum of water and pours it on the sacrifice. Then he gets a third fifty-five-gallon drum of water and pours it on the sacrifice. By now it has flooded the whole area. How in the world is fire going to burn in a situation like that? Then he stands back. And you know what God did?**The true God!** Not the god of four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal. **The true God brought down fire from heaven. In order to understand God's power, it not only burnt up the sacrifice, it also burnt up the wood and the stones! That is the kind of power God has!** Then Elijah kills all of the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal. Stories like this will show you that **all the false religions of this world cannot compete with my God!**

❖ God's Power Shown – The Ark of God, the Philistines & Dagon

Another story that I like is found in 1 Samuel 5. This story is about the Philistines. Israel has been defeated and the Philistines have taken the ark of God. The ark of God is the central religious artifact that Israel has. Men have understood the power of the ark because it is a picture of Christ. Down through history they have launched all kinds of expeditions to find the ark. Back in 1981 they made the movie "Raiders of the Lost Ark" and now everybody knows that the lost ark is in a warehouse in Washington D.C. along with President Kennedy's limousine and Abraham Lincoln's chair. Adolph Hitler wanted the ark. Charlemagne wanted the ark. They all wanted to get their hands on that ark because they knew the power that came along with it.

If you study your Bible, you will find that the ark gets taken out and is now up in heaven. But in this passage the Philistines have the ark. I can image the excitement and thrill they felt because they had taken the ark of God. The Philistines had their own god, Dagon. The god Dagon was half fish and half man. I don't want to ruin your day, but **Dagon, (half man half fish) as it comes down through history, goes into Constantine and into the Roman Catholic church. Now you are told when you see the sign of the fish, that is a sign of Christ. No, no! That is Constantine's sign of Dagon.**

We are told today that in early Christianity when they wanted to meet together in secret, they would draw the sign of the fish on the wall. So, when Christians walked by, they would know

where they were meeting. Do you know why early New Testament Christians didn't need a sign of the fish to know where they were meeting? Because they were meeting in the Colosseum, where they were getting torn apart by the lions or the gladiators, while the Romans cheered. They were not in hiding; they were bold about their faith to the point where they were martyred for their faith.

You know why higher education and pastors out there want you to believe there was a secret Christianity? Because they have one. Because they are not willing to go into the arena of life and declare God's glory. That is your answer!

So, the Philistines, put the ark next to Dagon and go out and party! The Bible says the next morning they come in and Dagon has fallen on his face before the ark of the Lord. Don't you know if you have a god that can fall off his pedestal, you have the wrong god? So what do they do? They do the same thing again! They picked Dagon back up and sat him next to the ark of the Lord. Again, the next morning he has fallen down, but this time his head and his hands were cut off. **There is no greater power in this universe than God. No god made with hands, no false god anywhere that man will put in his life to get around God, will stand the test of an omnipotent God. It is that simple!**

This will be the cold hard facts of the reality of planet Earth that nobody seems to want to accept. **It divides man into two categories.** Everything that a saved man or woman should do to bring them closer to their creator. That is, you and me! Every day in your life you ought to get a little closer to your creator. Learn a little more about Him and get more understanding of Him. On the contrary, every unsaved man or woman will get as far away from their creator as they can. *Proverbs 19:21 says, "[There are] many devices in a man's heart....."* Those devices are the things that man will put into his life that will put his creator as far from him as he can.

III. Psalms 8:4 God Came Down to be with Man, to Visit Man

Our verse today is verse four. It says, "*What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?*" The thought that a supreme being, the creator, my God, who is all knowing, all powerful, and everywhere at once and He fills the expanse of eternity. That a supreme being would come down to be with man, to visit man. This will do one of two things: It will either make your day, or it will scare you to death! One of the two! The fact that a Holy God would take time to look at this insignificant planet with all of us who are like ants on an ant hill.

Yesterday I came home and found in a crack on my driveway little red ants. There had to be a million of them. All clustered together so much that you could not see the sidewalk. I thought to myself, what God must think when He looks down at us, our little ant hill. I am not God, and I don't care anything about the ants. So, I got a five gallon can of gasoline and poured it all over them and killed them. I thought to myself, how I didn't even think a thing about doing that to the ants. Ants in the Bible are a tremendous study. The Bible says in Proverbs 6:6 "*Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise.*" There is a whole study on ants liken to you and me. Ants have their networks and tunnels and their scouts that go out and look for food. One ant

can move ten times its weight. They have their own society. I wonder how God must think when he looks at our ant hill planet Earth. Swarms of people all over the place building things, doing things. Going to war. Ants go to war and conquer, and they make slaves out of other ants. I wonder how God looks at this planet and all we are to Him, an insignificant ant pile. Yet, He wants to fellowship with us! It is unbelievable to me!

The fact that a Holy God would take time to deal with the creation that in His world, as He sees it is just like those ants in my driveway. I thought nothing of wiping them out. Yet, God looks at this pile of ants--us and He loves us. Out of the whole expanse of His creation, why would He want to visit us? But He did. In this chapter you will **find four great concepts about God dealing with His creation you and me** (which we will look at later).

❖ God is a God of order. He Operates by Established Patterns

The world is a place of total confusion, chaos, and disorder. The problem in America is not the Democrats or Republicans. It is simply America has forsaken God its creator and America today is out of order. Everything is wrong, nothing is in sync. You know what is wrong with God's people? You are out of order! Chaos comes into our lives, and we want to blame everyone else. **God operates by established patterns.** 1 Corinthians 14:33 says, He is not the author of confusion. His creation will run by that perfect order in heaven and on Earth. Everything in His creation will be for His honor and glory, to declare His glory to man.

Last week I gave you Romans 1:20 "*For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, [even] his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.*" If you are here this morning and you are lost, and you don't know for sure if you were to die right now that you would go to heaven. You can have all the Dagon gods in your life that you want. You can play the game all you want. You can reject God, dump God and His Bible. **But the Bible says because of the creation that God made and the order that He has established, you are without excuse!**

❖ The Solar Eclipse a Picture of America in Darkness Today

You will see a great example of this with the solar eclipse on April 8, 2024. One of the great witnesses in God's heaven when He has something like this happen. Bible teachers and pastors today, who know very little about the Bible and even less about the ordinances of heaven, (which are described in Job 38 and throughout the whole book of Job), always show their lack of Bible knowledge in times like these. The emphasis of these guys leads up to them saying this event is something spiritual like the end times. These guys don't have a clue. I have known pastors who were good men who fell into this trap of trying to make something exciting to entice their congregation into the Bible. You always want to consider the source.

What you can witness tomorrow with the solar eclipse as a picture of what is happening in America right now as a nation that is out of order. *The heavens declare the glory of God..... Day unto day uttereth speech and night unto night sheweth knowledge.* (Psalms 19:1-2).

❖ The Sun, a Picture of the Lord Jesus Christ

Let's look at the Sun for a moment. The Sun is a picture of the Lord Jesus Christ, our God. When you go over to Malachi 4:2 you will see a verse on the second coming of Christ. It says, "... *The Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings....*" a reference to Christ rising and coming back. You will notice the word is not spelled "Son of righteousness", but "Sun of righteousness". Like the rising in the morning. Clearly denoting that Jesus Christ and God are typified in His creation, by the Sun.

Last week in Psalms 19, it says that he has set a tabernacle for the Sun. I showed you how that was connected to the second coming. God through the heavens declares the glory of God. When the Sun comes up in the morning it is blood red and when it sets at night, it is blood red. God fixed the atmosphere so that the first thing you see in the morning when you got up and the last thing you would see at night is the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son that cleanseth us from all sin. That is the gospel in the stars. That is not a blood moon. That is a blood Sun rise and Sun set.

Take the Sun, the center of our solar system. Everything revolves around the Sun. The Sun is a type of God and Christ. For Christians, everything should revolve around the Sun/Son. The Sun is the source of our light. Christ and God are the source of our light in this world. The Sun is the source of life. There would be no life on planet Earth without the Sun. There would be no eternal life on this planet without the Son/Sun who arises with healing in his wings (Malachi 4:2). This is Romans 1:20 at its best!

❖ Three Types of Rays that Come from the Sun – Match the Trinity of God

The Sun is a type of God the Father and a type of Christ. **Do you know there are three types of rays that come from the Sun? These rays match the trinity of Almighty God.**

- 1.) X-rays – Invisible. You can't see x-rays, but they can see you. This is a type of **God the Father**, he is invisible, but He is powerful, and He can see through any facade we put on and x-ray right to the source of the problem.
- 2.) Light rays – You can see them. Sunshine as we know it. This is a type of **God the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ**. The visible appearance of the invisible God.
- 3.) Heat rays – A type of the **Holy Spirit of God**. You can't see it, but you can feel it.

That Is Romans 1:20 where the invisible things of him from the creation are clearly seen and understood by the things that he made, even his eternal power and Godhead, in the gospel of the stars!

Tomorrow the Sun (the light of the world) will shine until about one o'clock or whenever it starts. Then something happens. Something will come in between the Sun and the Earth. The light from the Sun will go out on the Earth. If you are in the path of totality, you have total darkness.....

I love movies that have their theme about the Bible. If you have ever seen the movie “Riddick” this is one of them. It is your typical science fiction movie. Vin Diesel is on a rocket ship with a group of people that crash land on this planet. They are all walking around, and it is daytime. They come to this place and find that there was a civilization there at one time. It looks like it was a mining facility. They go into this one room and on the table is a diagram of the planet with all of its moons and its sun. One of the guys figures out that there is an eclipse coming. This massive eclipse is going to cast this planet into darkness. This big moon starts to come in front of the sun and when it gets dark, all these terrible flesh-eating creatures start coming out of the ground. These creatures can only exist in darkness and one by one it picks them off. They figured out that this darkness could go on for 20-30 years.

You know what America is in? She is in a protracted solar eclipse that the Sun, Jesus Christ has been blocked out. You know how they escaped? They created light because it was the light that kept everything away. You and I are living in this dark world, where the creatures want to devour your kids, your family, your marriage, and you. The only thing that will keep you from being devoured is the light in a dark world. John 1:5 says, *“And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.”*

Could you imagine if you had 20,000 pastors around this country that knew what I just told you about the solar eclipse blocking out the light on planet Earth? If those 20,000 pastors got up and hammered their congregation about you better get the light of God in your life because there is a solar eclipse coming across this country. And all the evil things are going to come out. It might bring that country back to God. But no, they are all going out buying their little glasses. They all miss the heavens declare the glory of God. **The Sun is a type of Jesus Christ, and He is the light of this world!** When something comes in between this world and the Sun, we are in darkness! **The only thing that will keep you safe today is the light of God in your life!**

IV. Four Things to help you Understand God Better

I want to talk about **four things that we need to see in this verse.** These four things will help you understand God better and have a better relationship with Him.

1.) God is mindful of man.

It would be safe to say that man was in the mind of God, way before Genesis 1:1. God is a being that desires fellowship. He created man for that very purpose (Genesis 1-2). In short, God’s plan was always about man, because God was mindful of man. Having a relationship with Him will go through all of eternity and never stop. This will be found in Isaiah 9:6-7 where it talks about the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end.... Yet it all started in Genesis with Adam and Eve. The plan started in Genesis 1 and is defined in Proverbs 8. In spite of the fall, His plan has gone on for nearly seven thousand years. In that time, we see God being mindful of man.

God created man and down through the history of the Bible He created two identities. Have you ever seen that? God's plan was about man, but He said I am going to put man in two categories that they will bring honor and glory to the ends of the Earth. The **first one in the Old Testament, was the nation of Israel**. You will see this when Solomon builds his temple. When Solomon is on the throne it is the greatest time in history when God is declared throughout the world for a short forty-year period. The **second is the church, you and me**. God and His Son, Christ Jesus in your life and mine. These two identities were on this Earth to proclaim the glory of God, to get man ready for God's coming two kingdoms. The kingdom of Heaven and the kingdom of God for all eternity (Revelation 21-22, Isaiah 9:6-7). In its simplest form, all history, the Old Testament, New Testament and even today. All history, all life is simply about God in any dispensation or any time period. Giving to every man the ability to choose to be with Him for all eternity before He continues on with His eternal plan. God made the heavens declare the glory of God, the word of God declares the glory of God and you and I declare the glory of God.

❖ God wants Man to Choose Him over the World

He wants man, His creation to choose Him over the world because He is coming to finish what He started. But God is mindful of man, and He doesn't want to leave you out. You saw it in Genesis when God brought the flood on the Earth. The Bible says God waited one hundred and twenty years. You know what Noah preached for those one hundred twenty years? God's coming judgment. **You know what we ought to be preaching and declaring to a lost world? God's coming judgment!** For one hundred twenty years Noah got up there every morning and said get on the boat, it is going to rain. God is going to bring a flood. The world had no idea what rain was because it never rained. They didn't know what a flood was. They got this crazy guy building a boat that is three hundred yards long and one hundred feet high. They thought he was nuts, until the day.....

They are watching this guy and all of a sudden, in an orderly fashion those animals started coming from all over the Earth, two by two. You watched the lambs go in and two lions go in, and they never attacked the lambs. You watched animals that would normally kill and eat each other, in an orderly fashion, go into the ark. Do you know why? Because **God is a God of order**. You know there had to be people that saw that and said to themselves, what is that all about? That is what God will do, he will give you enough to question what is going on. Noah would get up and say hey, God's judgement is coming, don't miss the boat. You hear people all the time say, don't miss the boat. They don't even know where that comes from. God is an orderly God that does things systematically. In a world like Genesis 6 and today, when I see the hand of God in an orderly fashion, I know what I am dealing with. **God is mindful of man!**

2.) God visited man.

John 4:24 tells us that God is a spirit. He is invisible. *God [is] a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship [him] in spirit and in truth*. Like the x-rays of the Sun. Type of God the Father. But God would visit man through the presence of His Son (light rays), 1 Timothy 3:16, God manifested in the flesh.

*“And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.**” 1 Timothy 3:16.*

Throughout the history of the Bible, He does this a couple of different ways. In the Old Testament when God wanted to come down to man, He came down as the angel of the Lord. (Joshua 5:15)

In Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John He appears as the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, who establishes His plan for Israel so we can get an identity of who He is. But when he goes back to heaven in Acts 1, He is no longer here in a visible body, so He reveals Himself through a book, the word of God. And He reveals Himself through the Holy Spirit of God, the heat-rays.

❖ God Visits Man Despite His Failures

God visits man despite his failures...Genesis 3, in the garden. **Praise the Lord for that!!!** He does that because He wants to redeem fallen creation, because He has this plan that He visited man. He has this plan that He is mindful of man. Then He wants man to spend an eternity with him, fellowshiping with Him. And the fellowship we have with Him through the word of God....**Oh my goodness.....** It is only the beginning of that day when we are at home in heaven!

God visited man in spite of his failures. To redeem His fallen creation so that man could choose to be with Him for all eternity. **Gods plan is perfect!** It is a perfect order, a perfect system and a perfect pattern. It never gets out of sync, and all based on free will. John Calvin could never get that. Calvinists can't get that. They think God picks some people to go to heaven and some people to go to hell. If you have been picked to go to heaven, you go to heaven and if you have been picked to go to hell, there isn't anything you can do about it. It is so ridiculous. Eighteen times in the Bible you find references about free will. God was mindful of man, so God visited man.

3.) God Takes Knowledge of Man.

When you study God through the Bible and His manifestations of Himself, through Christ and the word of God, you clearly see it. In Psalms 139:1-24, it shows how God knows everything about us. David wrote that Psalm. God sees all our infirmities, yet He still wants to fellowship with us. He made a way, as weak as we are, and as sinful as we are. He wanted fellowship with us so that He made a way that a Holy God could have fellowship with a sinful creation like you and me. Because God takes knowledge of man, and He knows I could not do it on my own. He knows the battles in life and failures we have experienced. He said in Psalms 139, you know my laying down, you know my getting up. You know where I go and what I do. There is not a thought or word in my tongue, thou knowest it altogether. When God took knowledge of man, he knows that we are just flesh.

❖ God Knows that We are Just Flesh

I would suggest to you that this week you read Psalms 78. It is probably the greatest Psalm that shows you when the kingdom of heaven ended. But it is also one of the greatest Psalms that

shows how God looks at Israel and sees them in their weakness, struggles and failures. We can make the application to us. He goes through all the things they did and how they turned their back on him. He is talking about Israel, **but come on, you know He is talking about you and me!** You know what He says then? He says that **He remembered that they were just flesh** (verse 39). God takes knowledge of man; he understands our weaknesses and failures. He understands all of this because He has taken knowledge of man. Yet He has tremendous longsuffering and patience for us.

The quality that makes you good when working with people, is you understand those same things. You understand about other people and their struggles by looking at your own self and your own struggles. **Seeing the long suffering of God and His patience within your life. You should extend it to somebody else's life.** He gives us everything we need to get us through this life. Do you realize that—if you are saved this morning? You have everything that you need to get through this life, but He also knows how weak we can be. In spite of that He knows we will fail and the attack that we are all under. At the end of the book of Song of Solomon you can see the intense love that He has for His creation.

I will tell you this. This is not a justification for not doing what is right, but it is a justification for the struggles that we go through. He knows there is coming a time when the world, the flesh and the devil, will no longer be in our life. Someday this is all going to end. It is like having a baby. The Bible says when a woman goes through travail, she goes through a lot of pain of having that child. But afterward, when she holds that baby in her arms, she forgets all about the pain she went through having that child. There are some struggles in this life that we are all going to go through and some failures we are all going to have and some pain that we will have to bring along with it. **But praise God that He takes knowledge of man. There is coming a day when we will finally be with Him for all of eternity and we will forget about all those things!** The great verse in Hebrews 13:5 says, He will never leave us nor forsake us, even when we forsake Him. **Even so come quickly, Lord Jesus!**

4.) God will hold man accountable.

There are many role models in the Bible for us to study to learn about the different characteristics of Christ or God. One of them is to look at God and study Him as being a Father to me. Matthew 7:11 says, *“If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?”* Like any good Father, He establishes the rules and then He holds us accountable to them.

Hebrews 12:9 says. *“Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh (your mom and dad) which corrected [us], and we gave [them] reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?”* Clearly the role model of God and Christ is my father. We saw this a couple of weeks ago, when we covered rebuke, reproof, and chastisement in a Christian's life from God because He loves us. All through the Bible there is example after example of God dealing with men and women who are a part of His creation, who will get sideways in life. You

saw it in Moses and Abraham, David, Jonah, and Ezekiel and the prodigal son and Peter. The list will include every person in the Bible. Us too because we will have our own issues in life.

❖ There is an Absence of Good Parenting

Today, there is an absence of good parenting. There was a time when the family unit ate together and actually talked around the dinner table. Some of you can remember the Ozzie and Harriet show, the Leave it to Beaver show, and others. There was no fast food. Mom cooked dinner and the family ate together. There were no iPhones or the ability to go to your TV and play some video game. Families had to talk. Moms and Dads got interested in what the kids were doing, and the kids got interested in what the parents were doing. It was a whole different world. All of those TV shows had the same underlying theme. A good solid family. The kids would get into mischief, but it would always come back to the family in the end. In Leave it to Beaver, you never saw him kill anybody with a 9mm. The worst character in the whole show was Eddie Haskell (Leave it to Beaver).

There is an absence of good parenting today. The world has taken all that from us. Yet you still have the Bible that never changes. The absence of good parenting will always go back to mom and dad not having or allowing the accountability of God in their own life. So how can they expect to have any accountability in their children's lives. If there isn't accountability and responsibility between you and God as a parent; how do you expect to have it with your child? I have seen this all my ministry. I have seen parents who have lost their kids and didn't want to do what they needed to do to get those kids back. Parents who don't want to fix the problem with their kids will always want to blame somebody else. In time, they couldn't take the pressure of the pastor so they would leave the church. In every case, they will leave and go to a church with a pastor that has also lost his kids. Do you know why that is? Because they don't want to fix the problem themselves and it is easier to go to another church where the pastor has lost his kids to the world. Because you know he isn't going to preach on it, and there you find your comfort zone.

V. Summary

So, Psalms 8:4 is a great verse that shows us how God will deal with His creation. It shows us the plan He has, that He is mindful of man, that He visits man and takes knowledge of man. But He holds man accountable. I don't know where you are at with the Lord, today. But you can never take accountability out of your life. Your kids need to be accountable to mom and dad. Mom and dad should be accountable to the Lord. It is a system that never fails. The system of parenting, understanding God as my Father, me to my children is an unbroken system. It is as absolute and sure as everything in God's heavens that He created that runs by a systematic system. **It is a system that works!**

When God visits man, He knows us. It is okay to have problems as long as you are willing to put yourself under an accountability structure to fix it. Whether it is in your own personal life, your marriage or your children's. No matter what it may be. God's system is infallible and never fails.

Deuteronomy 32:4, what a great verse. I will leave you with this.

[He is] the Rock, his work [is] perfect: for all his ways [are] judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right [is] he.

No greater verse explains who God is and what He does! And through these four ways we see His invitation to man to choose Him over the world and to fellowship with Him through all eternity.

The story of the Bible is a God who loves His creation and has a plan for eternal fellowship with Him. So, God is mindful of man, God does visit man and takes knowledge of man and holds man accountable. It is all for one purpose, to get us home to heaven with Him.

❖ Revelation 22 Ready or Not Here I Come!

The book of Revelation is the greatest book in the Bible. If you start in Revelation 1, it goes up through the church age and goes into the tribulation, then to the second coming. It goes through all the future events then lands in Revelation 21, new heavens and new Earth. Revelation 22 is eternity and **then at verse 6 in Revelation 22 you need to write the word “The End”**. You still have fifteen verses. **But as far as God is concerned it ends there.**

You know what he does in the last fifteen verses? One more time God wants to give one more invitation for man to come to be with Him. Because at the end He wants His creation to be with Him. He says in verse 11, “...*he that is filthy, let him be filthy still*...”. It reminds me of the game, hide and seek. We would get twenty kids in the neighborhood and one kid would have to find everybody. So he would hide his eyes and count to one hundred while everybody hid. When he got to one hundred to send a warning to everybody, he would say ready or not here I come! Isn't that a picture of most of God's people? God is counting time. Most of God's people are running and hiding from Him. But God turns around at one more point in time as He is saying to everybody in Revelation 22, **ready or not, here I come!**

When He comes, He is going to find you in the state you are in. So, it is important that you understand, **God is mindful of you. He wants to visit with you every day. He knows everything about us and He wants us to be accountable to Him!**