



Is God Glorious?

Psalm 8



“This psalm is an unsurpassed example of what a hymn should be, celebrating as it does the glory and grace of God, rehearsing who He is and what He has done, and relating us and our world to Him, all with a masterly economy of words, and in a spirit of mingled joy and awe.”



Frank Derek Kidner
22 Sept 1913 – 27 Nov 2008

[KEY POINT]

God is glorious.



I. The Surpassing
Glory of God
(vs. 1-3, 9)

Two Names for God

1. **Jehovah** – Emphasizing

His Goodness

2. **Adonai** – Emphasizing

His Lordship

1 Kings 8:27 ESV

²⁷ “But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain You; how much less this house that I have built!

Dr. Herbert Carl Leupold quote:

“So secure is the honor of the name of the Lord that in the full consciousness of His great glory He has let the defense of His honor to be committed to babes.”

Matthew 11:25 ESV

²⁵ At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children;

I. The Surpassing
Glory of God
(vs. 1-3, 9)

II. The Surprising
Significance of Man
(vs. 4-8)

Genesis 1:26-28 ESV

²⁶ Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

Genesis 1:26-28 ESV

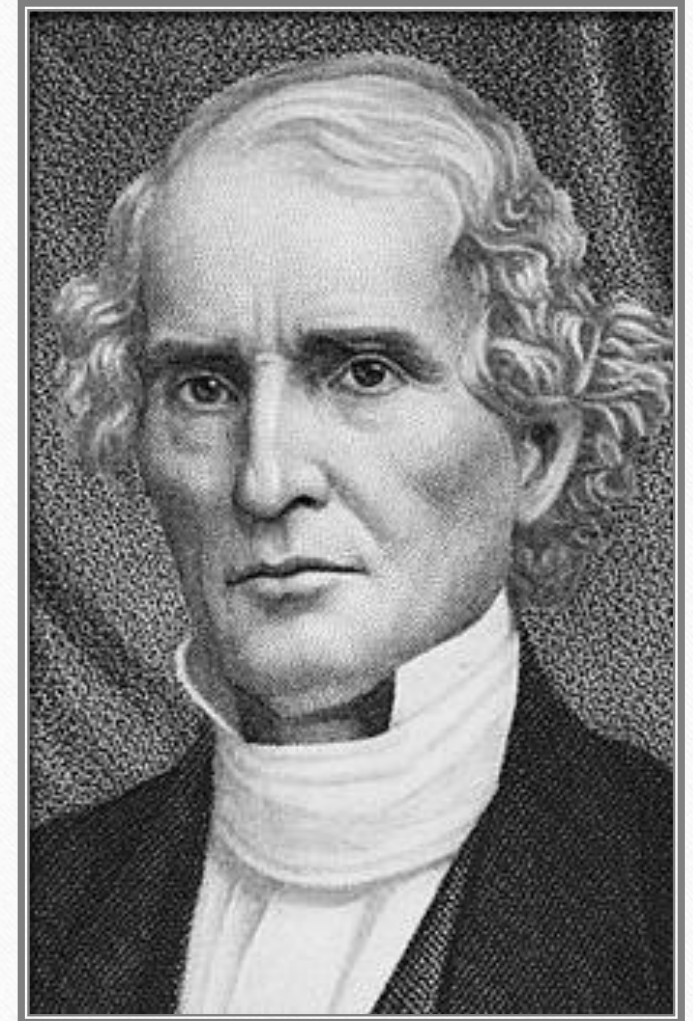
²⁷ So God created man
in His own image,
in the image of God
He created him;
male and female He created them.

Genesis 1:26-28 ESV

²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”



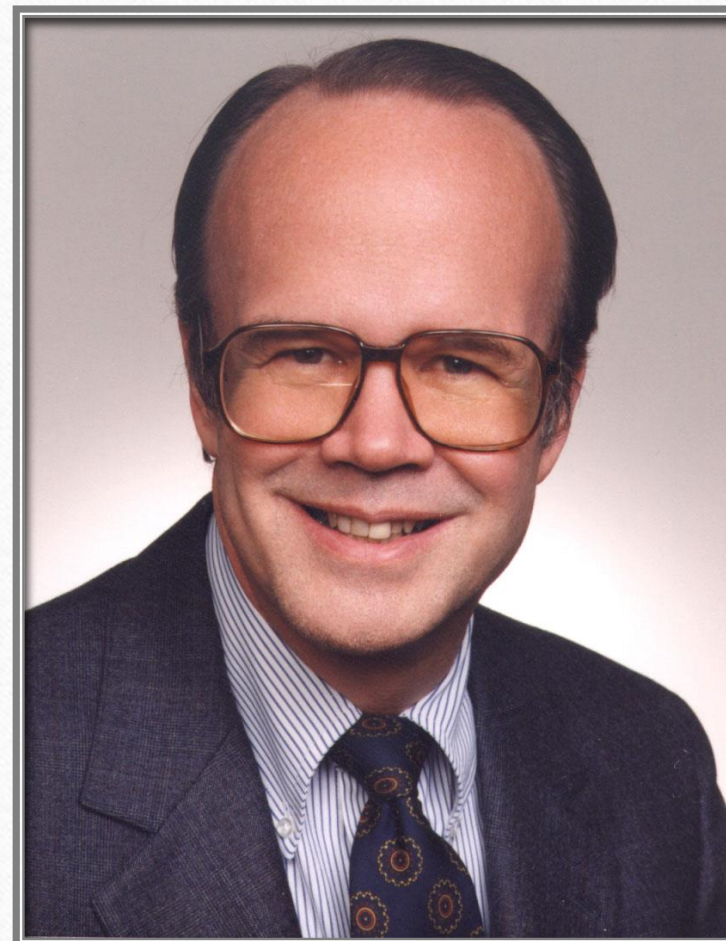
“Why should a God who is vast and glorious, and who has all the starry worlds, so beautiful and grand, to claim his attention – why should He turn His thoughts on man? And especially why should He honor him as He has done by giving him dominion over the works of His hands.”



Albert Barnes
1 Dec 1798 - 24 Dec 1870



“If man really is a mediating being, as the psalm maintains, it would have been equally accurate to have described him as slightly higher than the beasts rather than as slightly lower than the angels.

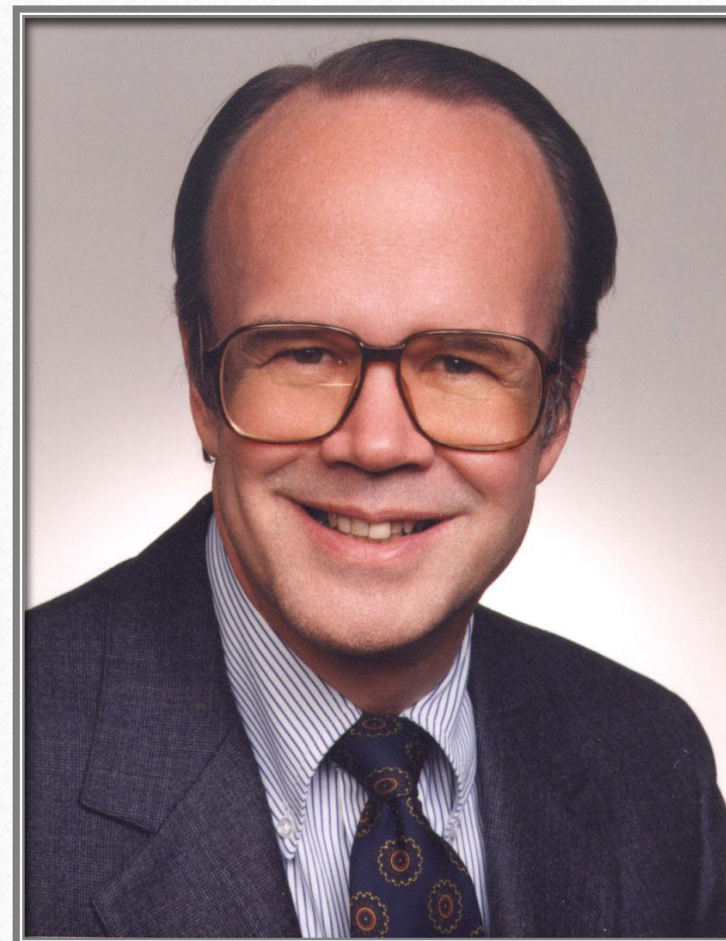


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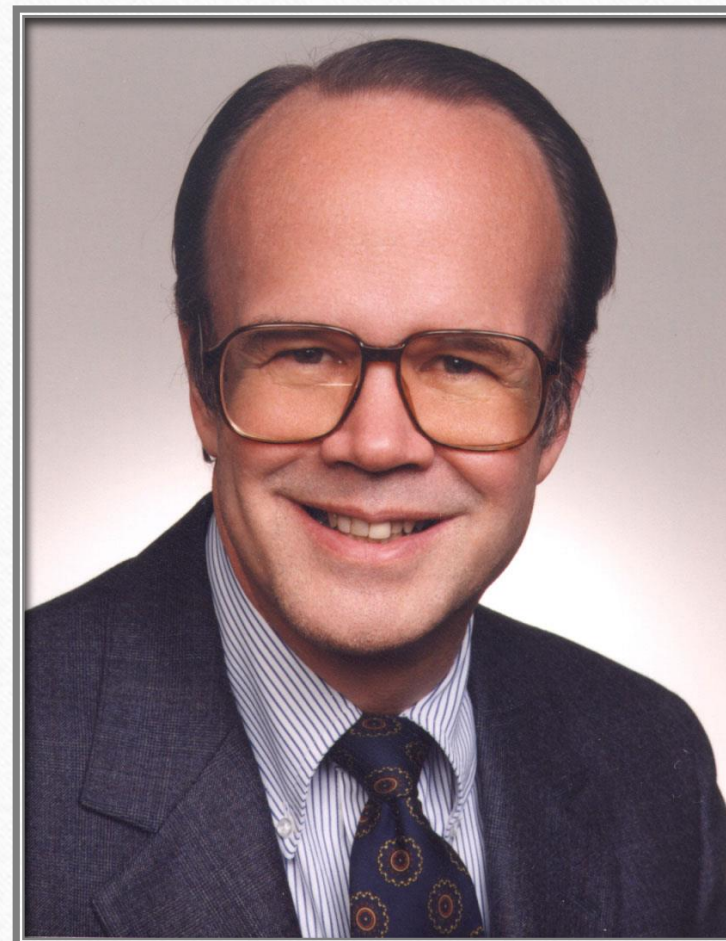
But it does not, and the reason it does not is that, although men and women have been given a position midway between the angels and the beasts, it is nevertheless humanity's special privilege and duty to look upward to the angels...



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*(and beyond the angels to God,
in whose image
women and men have been made),
rather than downward to the
beasts. The result is that they
become increasingly like God
rather than decreasingly beast-like
in their behavior.”*



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