

Faith Talk

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What is Man?

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News coverage of NASA's mission to Mars has given us pictures of a planet 124 million miles from earth. After looking at those pictures sent back from the twin rovers Spirit and Opportunity, I turned to Psalm 8. Here we find a hymn written by King David to the praise and glory of God, the Creator. Those incredible images of Mars give testimony that the "heavens are the work of His fingers and He has set the moon and the stars in place" (v.3).

Sometimes when we look up at the night sky and see all those twinkling stars we may ask with David "what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?"(v. 4) We may feel insignificant compared to the vastness of this universe. But, not only does God care for each one of us, He gives us a special place in His creation: "You made him a littler lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honour. You made him ruler over the works of your hands."(v. 5,6) He is the one who made us with our unique talents and abilities, some even to build spacecraft and plan trips to Mars! We must use those capabilities to care for the world that He has made for us.

As we look around us, we are filled with joy and awe at the majestic power of God. We are also filled with thankfulness that the One who made this world continues to care for it and each of us. And we marvel at this God who, in His grace, gave His Son for our salvation. Indeed: "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" (v. 9)

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