PSALM 8; June 12; Why Man Should Praise His Creator

ANALYSIS:

1. From what lowly source does the LORD accept praise? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What contrast in God's creation is referred to in verses 3-4?

3. Although man is made a little lower than the angels, what is he crowned with?

4. Over what has the LORD given man dominion? \_\_\_\_\_\_

5. Where is the LORD'S name excellent? \_\_\_\_\_

## THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Jesus had enemies who rebuked Him for allowing the children to honor Him by "crying in the temple and saying, Hosanna to the son of David" (Mt 21:15). Jesus answered His critics by quoting Psalm 8:2, "Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise" (Mt 21:16). We learn that the O. T. prophet's words "ordained strength" in Ps 8:2 can mean "perfected praise." Our Lord Jesus loved and accepted children's praise because it was sincere, heart felt and without any hypocrisy.

How long has it been since you considered the heavens on a clear night (v 3), and then worshipped the LORD with thanksgiving for Him being mindful of you and visiting you with His great salvation (v 4)? Pause and praise Him right now! Plan now to survey the moon and the stars on a clear night and raise your praise and thanksgiving to the LORD for visiting you. You may want to read this Psalm as to the LORD.

HELP:

1. The mouth of babes and sucklings (v 2).

2. God's work of creation seen in the heavens including the moon and stars; and His creation of man (vs 3-4).

3. Glory and honor (v 5).

4. The works of thy hands, sheep, oxen, beasts of the field, fowl, fish, whatsoever passeth through the paths of the sea (vs 7-8).

5. In all the earth (v 1, 9).