

PRAYER TO THE MAJESTIC ONE

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I. Introduction

II. Beholding the Majesty of God in Prayer (Psalm 8)

- A. Splendor: The Display of the Heavens (vv.1)
- B. Strength: The Defender of the Humane (vv.1-2, 9)
- C. Sacredness: The Dignity of Humanity (vv.3-4)
- D. Service: The Dominion of God's Hands (vv.5-8)

III. Conclusion

A. Our Majesty God:

Worship the Holy God loves sinners and that should blow our minds.

B. Our Messy World:

Witness how humanity is made in God's image and be compelled to fight for justice.

C. Our Mission:

Work before the Creator for His mission in the earth and supremely for the commission of Christ to His church in this age.

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

Reflective Questions for You and Your Small Group

1. What did you learn from Sunday's sermon? How did the text of Psalm 8 grab you personally and broadly as it relates to the dignity of humanity / glory of God?
2. Why is it important for churches to acknowledge the sanctity of human life in both word and deed, especially in the preaching of the church? In answering this question it is worth noting that a recent statistic indicates that nearly one in five women who get abortions identify as an evangelical Christian. Besides the silence in pulpits, why else do you think abortion happens in the church today?
3. It is a very healing thing to share openly by one's involvement in or even impact by abortion. If someone in your group chooses now or later to share his or her involvement in an abortion (or any other sin) for which he or she is repentant, what do the following passages tell you about how you should respond? (Gal 6:2; 1 Pet 4:8; Jm 2:13; Matt 5:7).
4. What do these passages teach about the importance of churches and Christians coming clean—confessing, repenting and dealing with sin? (Psalm 24:3-4; 66:18; Proverbs 28:9; Zechariah 7:13; 1 Corinthians 5:6-7)
5. The pro-choice position is built on faulty logic and shoddy science. It is important to have a logical and scientific response that is compassionate. With this in mind, how would you respond to fallacious catchphrases of the anti-life view? "I believe in a woman's right to choose"; "The fetus isn't a person, it's just a part of the woman's body"; "I agree with Planned Parenthood: 'Every child a wanted child'"; "I'm against abortion, except in cases of rape, incest and deformity of the child" (see Deut. 24:16); "Abortion is a terribly difficult choice. We shouldn't invade a woman's privacy in making that choice."
6. What does Scripture say about a nation that spills innocent blood and does not repent? (2 Kings 24:2-4; Prov. 6:16-19; Ez. 35:6; see 2 Chron, 7:14—who does God call upon first to repent?)
7. Read Psalm 127:3-5. How does the biblical view differ from our culture's view of children? Discuss the culture of death in America which values success and consumerism over family. How has it impacted you personally