



# THE WORD *Alive*

The Preaching Ministry of  
Ashley River Baptist Church

## WHY AM I HERE PSALM 8

Psalm 8:1 *A Psalm of David.* O Lord, our Lord, How majestic is Thy name in all the earth, Who hast displayed Thy splendor above the heavens! 2 From the mouth of infants and nursing babes Thou hast established strength, Because of Thine adversaries, To make the enemy and the revengeful cease. 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 dost take thought of him? And the son of man, that Thou dost care for him? 5 Yet Thou hast made him a little lower than God, And dost crown him with glory and majesty! 6 Thou dost make him to rule over the works of Thy hands; Thou hast put all things under his feet, 7 All sheep and oxen, And also the beasts of the field, 8 The birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, Whatever passes through the paths of the seas. 9 O LORD, our Lord, How majestic is Thy name in all the earth!

### I. GOD IS SIGNIFICANT

*"O Lord, our Lord, How majestic is Thy name in all the earth"*

The incomparable significance of God is seen in His self revealed name: Jehovah and his supreme title: Lord, Supreme ruler of all creation

His splendor permeates and resonates throughout all things:

**LOWEST** — *"in all the earth"*

**HIGHEST** — *"Who hast displayed Thy splendor above the heavens!"*

**GREATEST** — *"the heavens"*

**SMALLEST** — *"From the mouth of infants and nursing babes"*

*The extraordinary honor and strength afforded mankind comes not from human arrogance or achievement, but through recognition of the significance of God and the praise of His incomparable name.*

### II. MAN IS INSIGNIFICANT

3 *"When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers",*

Reflection upon the immense significance of God and his creation in comparison to man, leads to an overwhelming and inescapable spontaneous question:

4 *"What is man, that Thou dost take thought of him? And the son of man, that Thou dost care for him?"*

In the midst of such vastness, it is inconceivable that human existence could have meaning or significance.

### III. GOD MAKES MAN SIGNIFICANT

*5 Yet Thou hast made him a little lower than God, And dost crown him with glory and majesty! 6 Thou dost make him to rule over the works of Thy hands;*

Not through philosophy or natural observation can we find our position, purpose and significance in the universe, but instead only by the Specific revelation of God. As Creator, God has delegated dominion over the created order to the one creature that bears his image – mankind.

### CONCLUSION

As finite, mortal, insignificant created beings we have no standing before God. Yet, through His eternal sovereign love he has elevated you and assigned you to share in His glory. God has chosen to crown you with honor and dignity by creating you a little lower than the heavenly beings and entrusting to you dominion over his creation. Therein lies your purpose and position to praise Him in all His significance, afford the dignity and honor to our fellow man that God has afforded them and to manage his magnificent creation in all glory and splendor. That's why you are here!