

What is Man?

Psalm 8

To the chief Musician upon Gittith, A Psalm of David.

O LORD our Lord, how excellent *is* thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger. When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; ***What is man, that thou art mindful of him?*** and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all *things* under his feet: All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, *and whatsoever* passeth through the paths of the seas. O LORD our Lord, how excellent *is* thy name in all the earth!

David marveled at the creation of people. Out of all of creation, man stands distinct as being special before the Lord. But not all *men* are alike...When we ask what is man, we may really need to ask what *kind* of man?

Any Man: A person who has the potential to make a choice.

Every Man: The common group of humanity.

Less Man: Those people who live below their potential.

An Uncommon Man: A unique individual that stands apart from the rest.

Mankind (dictionary definition): A group of people; the human race.

Mankind (interpretation): "*man-kind*" (noun); A person or group of people that are capable of kindness.

Just like for Joshua, we are offered a choice about who we are, what we believe, how we will act, and what we will do. ***What type of man will you be?*** What choices will you make today to honor God?

"Choose you this day whom ye will serve...but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." *Joshua 24:15*