

# “Summer of Psalms: God of Wonders”

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## Psalms 8:1-9

1 O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. 2 From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. 3 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, 4 what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? 5 You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. 6 You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet: 7 all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, 8 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. 9 O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## 1. GOD IS REAL

Psa 8:1 “O Lord, our Lord...” (David addresses God personally)

5 proofs that God is real:

A. FIRST CAUSE: It is a scientific fact that every action has a cause (Cause and Effect). When we extend this idea into the past we realize that our universe and everything in it must have had a “first cause” -- GOD!

### Psa 102:25-26

25 In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. 26 They will perish, but you remain;

B. INTELLIGENT DESIGN: Watches, houses, ships, computers, etc., all exhibit intelligent design. The universe exhibits design, therefore, the universe must have been planned and produced by an intelligent designer. An intelligent creator -- GOD!

Rom. 1:20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities-his eternal power and divine nature-have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

C. REASONING & MORALITY: Only human beings have the ability to think abstractly and make choices based on morality rather than instinct.

### Rom 2:15

... the requirements of the law are written on their hearts...

D. RISK -vs- REWARD: If a person chooses to believe in God and He does not exist, then nothing is lost and a moral life has been lived. However, if a person chooses not to believe in God and He does exist, then everything is lost. Is it worth the risk?

### Prov 14:12

There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

Psalms 53:1 The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."

E. A CHANGED LIFE: God has to exist because He changed my life.

## 2. GOD IS OMNIPOTENT (unlimited power)

### Psa 8:1

1 O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

### Ps 19:1

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

## 3. GOD IS THE MASTER CRAFTSMAN

### Psa 8:5

You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

Eph 2:10 “You are God's workmanship (masterpiece).”

## 4. GOD IS LOVE

### Psa 8:4

What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?

He has revealed His LOVE through JESUS CHRIST!