**Psalm 8**[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+8&version=NIV#fen-NIV-14014a)]

**For the director of music. According to *gittith.*[**[**b**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+8&version=NIV#fen-NIV-14014b)**] A psalm of David.**

**1**Lord, our Lord,
    how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory
    in the heavens.
**2**Through the praise of children and infants
    you have established a stronghold against 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 mankind that you are mindful of them,
    human beings that you care for them?[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+8&version=NIV#fen-NIV-14017c)]

**5**You have made them[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+8&version=NIV#fen-NIV-14018d)] a little lower than the angels[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+8&version=NIV#fen-NIV-14018e)]
    and crowned them[[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+8&version=NIV#fen-NIV-14018f)] with glory and honor.
**6**You made them rulers over the works of your hands;
    you put everything under their[[g](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm+8&version=NIV#fen-NIV-14019g)] feet:
**7**all flocks and herds,
    and the animals of the wild,
**8**the birds in the sky,
    and the fish in the sea,
    all that swim the paths of the seas.

**9**Lord, our Lord,
    how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**Old Testament Reading - Proverbs 8:1-4 & 22-31**

**Wisdom’s Call**

**8**Does not wisdom call out?
    Does not understanding raise her voice?
**2**At the highest point along the way,
    where the paths meet, she takes her stand;
**3**beside the gate leading into the city,
    at the entrance, she cries aloud:
**4**“To you, O people, I call out;
    I raise my voice to all mankind.

**22**“The Lord brought me forth as the first of his works,[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=proverbs+8&version=NIV#fen-NIV-16625c)][[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=proverbs+8&version=NIV#fen-NIV-16625d)]
    before his deeds of old;
**23**I was formed long ages ago,
    at the very beginning, when the world came to be.
**24**When there were no watery depths, I was given birth,
    when there were no springs overflowing with water;
**25**before the mountains were settled in place,
    before the hills, I was given birth,
**26**before he made the world or its fields
    or any of the dust of the earth.
**27**I was there when he set the heavens in place,
    when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep,
**28**when he established the clouds above
    and fixed securely the fountains of the deep,
**29**when he gave the sea its boundary
    so the waters would not overstep his command,
and when he marked out the foundations of the earth.
**30**    Then I was constantly[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=proverbs+8&version=NIV#fen-NIV-16633e)] at his side.
I was filled with delight day after day,
    rejoicing always in his presence,
**31**rejoicing in his whole world
    and delighting in mankind.

**Epistle Reading - Acts 2:14a & 22-36**

**14**Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: **22**“Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. **23**This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men,[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=acts+2&version=NIV#fen-NIV-26973d)] put him to death by nailing him to the cross. **24**But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. **25**David said about him:

“‘I saw the Lord always before me.
    Because he is at my right hand,
    I will not be shaken.
**26**Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
    my body also will rest in hope,
**27**because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
    you will not let your holy one see decay.
**28**You have made known to me the paths of life;
    you will fill me with joy in your presence.’[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=acts+2&version=NIV#fen-NIV-26978e)]

**29**“Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. **30**But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. **31**Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. **32**God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. **33**Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. **34**For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

“‘The Lord said to my Lord:
    “Sit at my right hand
**35**until I make your enemies
    a footstool for your feet.”’[[f](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=acts+2&version=NIV#fen-NIV-26985f)]

**36**“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

**Gospel Reading – John 8:48-59**

**Jesus’ Claims About Himself**

**48**The Jews answered him, “Aren’t we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?”

**49**“I am not possessed by a demon,” said Jesus, “but I honor my Father and you dishonor me. **50**I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge. **51**Very truly I tell you, whoever obeys my word will never see death.”

**52**At this they exclaimed, “Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that whoever obeys your word will never taste death. **53**Are you greater than our father Abraham? He died, and so did the prophets. Who do you think you are?”

**54**Jesus replied, “If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me. **55**Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and obey his word. **56**Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad.”

**57**“You are not yet fifty years old,” they said to him, “and you have seen Abraham!”

**58**“Very truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!” **59**At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds.