

Clark Fork Seventh-day Adventist Church

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For Today: What is God's Majesty

We're supposed to worship God's majesty. That's right on. But what does it mean?

I expect most of us have a gut feeling about what God's majesty is. It has to do with God's strength and glory. Kings and queens are called "Your Majesty" in recognition of their sovereignty. So, God's majesty may also be his authority. I suppose many might equate God's majesty with his greatness. All of these notions of majesty are wonderful. Surely, they represent attributes of God that compel us to worship. But can we get clear on the actual definition of "majesty?"

The English word "majesty" comes to us from the Latin word *maiestas*, which means "greatness or dignity." In the Hebrew original of Psalm 93, the word translated into English as "majesty" is *ge'ut* (pronounced guh-OOth). The standard Hebrew-English lexicon defines this word as, you guessed it, "majesty." It is closely related to the word translated as "pride" in a negative sense (*ge'ah*). Both of these words derive from a root that means "to rise." So, if you think too highly of yourself, then you have *ge'ah*, which is not good. But when it comes to God, who is utterly great, who is the God above all other gods, then *ge'ut* is appropriate. This word doesn't convey God's pride in himself. Rather, it stands for God's reputation among people and that which deserves this glory. We might get the sense of the word by saying that God is rightly thought of more highly than any other being, in heaven and earth.

So, when it comes to Psalm 93:1, God's being robed in majesty represents his being enveloped in the esteem of his creatures. God's great strength calls forth honor. God's glory demands praise. Thus, this psalm reminds us why we worship God even as it calls us to worship. In a sense, we join ourselves to the robe of *maiestv* that surrounds God when we worship him.

Psalm 8:9

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



For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

Psalm 139:13 NIV

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Sabbath, January 23, 2021



Sabbath Worship

Rejoicing in God's Presence, 9:30 a.m.

Welcome James Hunt

Adults Sabbath School, Sanctuary, 9:50–10:40 a.m. Robert Steele

Welcome and Announcements, 10:45 a.m. James Hunt

God's Family in Worship, 11 a.m.

Preparing our hearts for worship. Leaders and congregation kneel in prayer.

Opening Hymn, "This is My Father's World" Hymn 92

Scripture: Psalm 8 (read below)

Prayer and Praise

Congregation Hymn *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord;
Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

Call for Morning Offering: Religious Liberty

Doxology, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymn 694

Special Music James and Yvonne Hunt

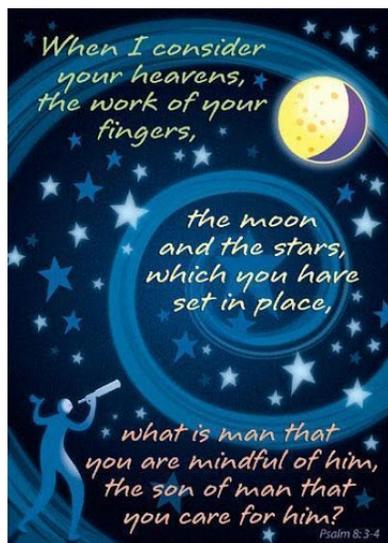
Children's Story: Joelle Worf

Sermon: **Genesis: The Beginning** Pastor Jason Worf

Closing Hymn, "Let All the Earth Their Voices Raise" Hymn 89

Benediction

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens! Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants, You have ordained strength, Because of Your enemies, That You may silence the enemy and the avenger. When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him? For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen—even the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea that pass through the paths of the seas. O Lord, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth!



Welcome

We are glad that you came to worship Jesus with us today! Our prayer is that you will experience God's presence and blessing.

Upcoming Speaker: Sabbath, January 30, Pastor Alvaro Sauza

Announcements

Prayer Request: Please pray for **religious liberty**. If you have a prayer request, please call Janet Remitz at 406-847-5526.

Prayer Meeting: Wednesdays from 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The group is studying the book of Daniel.

Upcoming Church Board Meeting, Sunday, February 7: from 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

Boost Your Immunity Seminar, Thursday, January 28 from 6:30 p.m.: Virtual presentation on taking charge of your health, sponsored by the Otis Orchard SDA Church: www.healthforlifepostfalls.com/register-onlin-1.

"**This is My Father's World**" was a poem written by Maltbie Davenport Babcock, a minister from Lockport, New York. He would often take walks overlooking a cliff, where he would enjoy the view of beautiful Lake Ontario and the upstate New York scenery. As he was leaving for his walks, he would tell his wife that he was "going out to see my Father's world." Franklin L. Sheppard set the poem to music in 1915.

Days of Noah: Coming to the Clark Fork SDA Church on four Fridays, from February 26. This feature-length documentary film was designed to uphold the validity of the Biblical account of a literal world-wide flood and compare the story of Noah, His message and events surrounding the Flood, to those that will precede the coming of Christ. When speaking of the time before His return, Jesus said "But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." (Matthew 24:37)

The Days of Noah is an overview of the story of Noah and how his message relates to our time and the Three Angels' Messages. A combination of interviews, re-enactments, on-site narrations, animation, aerial footage, and sweeping landscapes will bring to light the truth behind this story, the character of God, and His love for mankind.

Clark Fork, sunset tonight: 4:32 p.m.; next Friday night: 4:41 p.m.

