

Facts about pollutions on earth: Just in US, there is over 110million tons of waste per year creating harmful chemicals on earth. Due to land pollution, the Earth loses approximately 25 billion tons of valuable topsoil each year. Land pollution is also caused by agricultural activities, like pesticide spraying, fertilizing, irrigation, confined animal facilities and plowing. Excessive irrigation impacts soil and water quality by concentrating pesticides and harmful bacteria in the top layers of soil. Drinking water is not just affected by soil contamination but also by other sources of pollution. Excessive use of coal, oil and gas by human causes air pollution. In addition, significant reduction on earth vegetation causes major climate change. Earth-orbiting satellites and other technological advances (information available in the NASA and other sites) have enabled scientists to see the climate change due to earth pollution. This type of information can go on and on.

Let's study Psalms 8 to see what the author talked about God's creation, and how that description mismatches the picture of the earth we live in now.

There are 3 separate but inter-related topics in Psalms 8.

1. **The Majestic Lord and His creation is worthy to be praised**

God revived His awesome creation to all (angles and human). The amazing creation can be observed by all from viewing the big universe to studying tiny creatures or molecules on earth. Heavenly hosts see His glory, and praise Him. Bible verses such as Neh. 9:6, Psalms 148, Job 38:4-7 and Psalms 29 mentioned all creatures saw God's awesome wonders and praise Him.

Romans 1:20 states "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 people are without excuse."

We human on earth see His almighty hand and wonderful creation. The question is do you respond like the author David to acknowledge God as Lord? The Lord is your master on all things. The beginning and ending

verses of Psalms 8 are the same, “O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!”

2. The position of mankind- seems insignificant but precious and loved by God

The author king David saw how insignificant we are and stated in Psalm 8:4 “what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?” God cared about us. We are sinners and He sent a redeemer for us (Romans 5:8). He cared for His people that He even sent angels to minister us on earth (Heb. 1:14). We are less powerful in strength than angels but God send them to serve and protect us. However, angels are not called God’s children but we human have this precious title and position. Bible verse Psalms 8:5-8 can also viewed as a prophecy - Jesus on earth as human is lower than angels temporary but He is higher than angels after He has risen (Heb. 2:5-18).

Do you see how insignificant you are in the mid of His awesome creation? Then, do you have the thankful heart to respond to God? Do you give God the proper praises and announce how majestic is your name?

3. The Lord’s appointed task and our response

Psalms 8:6-8 “ You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet: all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. It is a God given privilege and a clear appointment to mankind. It is the same as Gen. 1:26.

With this important assignment and a great given privilege to rule over His physical creation, are we fulfilling our duties? We know there are all kinds of pollutions exist today and they are harming human, mammals, plants and soil.

I am guilty of not watching what I am doing to the environment, but I am trying few simple steps at a time. I bring my own drinking cup to work for years. Coffee chains like Starbucks and Peet’s Coffee welcome you to bring your own cups. We also need to watch how we use plastic like cups and bags. Each of us can involve in one’s specific area for earth caring besides the daily things mentioned above. For example, some of my work

involves making satellites that monitor the earth in terms of changes and pollution. This type of data help to track the overall trend as well as identify specific concerned areas that need to be put in high priority for control. You might choose to help in local cleanup or involved in education and/or prevention program. Let's us remember that it is our duty to care for God's creation.