

Prepared and Equipped

Psalm 8 (HCSB)

For the choir director: on the *Gittith*. A Davidic psalm.

1 Yahweh, our Lord,
how magnificent is Your name throughout the earth!
You have covered the heavens with Your majesty.
2 Because of Your adversaries,
You have established a stronghold
from the mouths of children and nursing infants
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

Matthew 25:24-25 (HCSB)

24 "Then the man who had received one talent also approached and said, 'Master, I know you. You're a difficult man, reaping where you haven't sown and gathering where you haven't scattered seed. 25 So I was afraid and went off and hid your talent in the ground. Look, you have what is yours.'

Romans 8:18 (HCSB)

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us.

1 Corinthians 2:7-9 (HCSB)

7 On the contrary, we speak God's hidden wisdom in a mystery, a wisdom God predestined before the ages for our glory... 9 But as it is written:

What eye did not see and ear did not hear,
and what never entered the human mind—
God prepared this for those who love Him.

Romans 8:19-23 (HCSB)

19 For the creation eagerly waits with anticipation for God's sons to be revealed. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility—not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it—in the hope 21 that the creation itself will also be set free from the bondage of corruption into the glorious freedom of God's children. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together with labor pains until now. 23 And not only that, but we ourselves who have the Spirit as the firstfruits—we also groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.