Expressive Individualism — Expressive individualism holds that human beings are defined by their individual psychological core, and that the purpose of life is allowing that core to express itself however it wants. Anything that challenges it is deemed oppressive.

- Gen 1.27 God created them male and female
- Gen 5.2 he made them male and female and he blessed them
- Mark 10.6 from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female

♦TRANSGENDERISM IS UTTERLY INFATUATED WITH SELF.

- Transgenderism ...
 - ★is rooted in PRIDE (look at me...)
 - ★is expressed in SELF-WORSHIP (here's what I must have for myself...)
 - ★is evidence of DISCONTENTMENT (i'm not happy with how God made me; I need this...)
 - ★is blasphemous of God's CREATIVE GENUIS (God made a mistake)
 - ★is feeding the lie of AUTONOMY (I'm my own law; no higher authority than ME)

Simple, timeless, biblical axioms.

- You are born male or female.
- Men cannot become women.
- Women cannot become men.
- The "trans" will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- The trans movement wants to devour your children.
- Marriage is only between one man & one woman.
- Only Jesus Christ forgives sin and will give you a new heart.

Psalm 8 is a praise psalm that leads us to be awed in God!

I. BE AWED BY THE MAJESTY OF GOD (1-2)

II. BE AWED BY THE <u>DIGNITY OF MAN</u> (3-8)

A. Man is <u>created</u>/made by Gods wise power (V.3)

- B. Man is **cared** for by God (V.4) = 2 *questions*
- C. Man is **crowned** with highest dignity (V.5) God <u>made him</u> little lower than **GOD**.
- D. Man is **commissioned** with supreme responsibility (v.6-8)
- Isn't this glorious!
 - you are created BY God
 - you are cared for BY GOD
 - you are created FOR God
 - you fulfill your mission by bearing God's image in His creation!

The use of Psalm 8 in the New Testament

- Hebrews 2:6-8
- 1 Corinthians 15:27

Man's purpose is *NOT* in his expressive individualism; NO! Man's purpose is found in his dignified role, God's intricate design & His being swept up in awe of God's amazing handiwork! Oh what a GOD!

III. BE AWED BY THE MAJESTY OF GOD (9)

what must we do?

- We celebrate the beauty of God's creative design.
- We recommit ourselves to training our children solid biblical Truth.
- We reach out in compassion & call for repentance & faith in Christ.

Psalm 8 teaches us the great need of mankind:

- they need a big vision of GOD!
- they need a God-magnifying design of MAN!
- they need a renewed dignity of MAN!
- then to be awed by the unrivaled majesty of GOD!

O LORD, OUR LORD, HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR NAME!

O Lord, our Lord

How majestic is Your name in all the earth
O Lord, our Lord

How majestic is Your name in all the earth

O Lord, we praise Your name O Lord, we magnify Your name Prince of peace, mighty God O Lord, God Almighty

PSALM 8: *THE PSALTER (Isaac Watts)*

Tune: "There is a fountain filled with blood"

O Lord, our Lord, how wondrous great is your exalted name!
Let glories of your heav'nly state be evermore proclaimed!
When I behold your works on high, the moon, which rules the night, the stars that well adorn the sky, those moving worlds of light;

Lord, what am I, or all my race, dwelling so far below, that you should visit me with grace, and love my nature so!
That your eternal Son should care to choose an earthly role, be lower than the angels are, to save my struggling soul!

Let Christ be crowned with majesty, Conquerer of sin and death, and be his honors sounded high By all things that have breath! Jesus, our Lord, how wondrous great is your exalted name! Let glories of your heavenly state be evermore proclaimed!

Responsive Reading — Hebrews 2

Heb. 2:1 For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it.

Heb. 2:2 For if the word spoken through angels proved unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just penalty,

Heb. 2:3 how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard,

Heb. 2:4 God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.

Heb. 2:5 ¶ For He did not subject to angels the world to come, concerning which we are speaking.

Heb. 2:6 But one has testified somewhere, saying,

"WHAT IS MAN, THAT YOU REMEMBER HIM?

OR THE SON OF MAN, THAT YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT HIM?

Heb. 2:7 "YOU HAVE MADE HIM FOR A LITTLE WHILE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS;

YOU HAVE CROWNED HIM WITH GLORY AND HONOR.

AND HAVE APPOINTED HIM OVER THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS;

Heb. 2:8 YOU HAVE PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET."

For in subjecting all things to him, He left nothing that is not subject to him. But now we do not yet see all things subjected to him.

Heb. 2:9 But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

Heb. 2:10 ¶ For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings.

<u>Heb. 2:17</u> Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

<u>Heb. 2:18</u> For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.