

“PRAYER TO A MAJESTIC GOD”

PSALM 8:1-2

INTRODUCTION —

A. HOW MAJESTIC IS HIS NAME!

1. OUR LORD, THE LORD, IS GOD OVER ALL THE EARTH
2. HIS GLORY FILLS THE HEAVENS
3. HIS MAJESTY IS TO BE PRAISED (EVEN BY INFANTS) MT 21

B. PRAISE IS THE PRIORITY OF CHRISTIAN PRAYER

1. DEFINING PRAYER: OUTPOURING OF HEART/SOUL TO GOD
2. THE PATTERN FOR PRAYER, AS JESUS TAUGHT — MT 6:9
3. EXAMPLES OF GODLY PRAYERS THROUGHOUT THE BIBLE . . .

C. OBSTACLES TO MAKING PRAISE A PRIORITY IN PRAYER

1. OUR RUSH TO ASK (WORLDLY SELF-CENTEREDNESS)
2. OUR LACK OF WONDER AND AWE OF GOD (LITTLE KNOWLEDGE)
3. OUR SHALLOW LOVE FOR OUR GOD (OTHER AFFECTIONS RULE)

APPLICATIONS

- ◆ GROW: READ & PRAY THE SCRIPTURES!
- ◆ GLOW: PRAY MORE AS YOU WORSHIP
- ◆ GAIN: GET STRENGTH IN PRAYER OVER LESSER AFFECTIONS
- ◆ GLORY: USE CHRIST'S NAME CAREFULLY IN PRAYER