



DESIGNED WITH HOLINESS

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PSALM 8:4-5 NKJV – (4) What is man that You are mindful of him and the son of man that You visit him? (5) For You have made him a little lower than the angels and You have crowned him with glory and honor.

When David scanned the night sky, he felt insignificant and wondered why such a magnificent Creator would care about man. God has shown His care of humans in several ways. He created our first parents only after He had created a world that was ready for them. The sun, moon, and stars provided light for them, the plants were a food source, the climate was ideal for sustaining life, and Adam and Eve enjoyed their life together on a paradise. In addition to providing a suitable environment for humans, God showed His love and care by giving His Son as our Redeemer. **John 3:16** emphasizes the extent of God's love for us by giving His only begotten Son so we would receive everlasting life by believing on Him. Also, God shows His care of us by providing our daily needs and by inviting us to talk to Him about all our concerns (**Matthew 6:33; Hebrews 4:14–16**).

Although He created the heavenly beings, Jesus chose to become a man in order to die in the place of sinful man. None of the angels could serve as our substitute and die in our place. Angels do not experience humanity, but Jesus did. Angels are not human, but Jesus lived as a man. Only by becoming human could He serve as a sacrifice for humanity (**Hebrews 2:11**).

By willingly terminating His life on the cross Jesus paid the penalty for the sins of all who put their faith in Him, past, present, and future. Jesus' substitutionary death was sufficient payment for all time for the sins of humanity. Our salvation could not be purchased for anything less than Jesus' blood, and nothing more than His blood is required (**1 Peter 1:18–19**). All He has done shows how important we are to Him. He actually visualizes the best in you and me.

SCRIPTURE READING: HEBREWS 4:15-16

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Riches take wings, comforts vanish, hope withers away, but love stays with us. Love is God."