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**In Genesis, it says were made in His image.
What does that mean?**

1. It means like God we have a rational aspect
Therefore we hunger to learn and to know things.

2. It means we have a personal aspect
Therefore we have a hunger to love and be loved.

3. It means we have an eternal aspect
Therefore, we have the hunger to last.

4. It means we have a creative aspect
Therefore we have a hunger for beauty.

Do you know what that means?

We are on the mind of God, our creator.

what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? vs. 4

*Talk about identity. Talk about value.
The only mind that matters has us in it.*

You can't live any old way you want, can you?

Listen it's by coming to God you see yourself
and it's by obeying God you find yourself

But there is a place where someone has testified: "What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the angels; you crowned him with glory and honor and put everything under his feet."
"Yet at the present we do not see everything under our feet." "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone."
Hebrews 2:6-9

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The Search for Identity

Psalm 8- ¹O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.² From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.³ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,⁴ what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?⁵ You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.⁶ You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet:⁷ all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field,⁸ the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.
⁹O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Psalm 8 addresses several ideas. One of them is the source of our identity. Let's look at how the world searches for one's identity and self-esteem vs. the Biblical view of identity and esteem.

How do you know who you are?

The word *identity* literally means to be the same in every situation. The sense of oneself, which provides a continuity of personality.

Identity is, there's something about me that's always the same. There's a coherent core. There's a consistency to me.

1. What the world says about your identity.

A. "I am what I acquire and/or accomplish."

Examples:

Some people want their identity to be about getting money.

An identity of being in control.

I have purpose because I don't need anyone else to fend for me.

Some people just want recognition and status.

An identity of fame and accreditation.

I have purpose because what I do sets me apart from the crowd.

Some people's identity is about being loved.

An identity built upon relational security.

I have purpose because I am wanted and needed.

B. "I am whatever I say I am."

Here's the honest part of this view, it comes right out, and says, *"If it's really true there is no God, It's silly to talk about a self you can discover."*

This view says:

"Don't try to find yourself. You create yourself.

Identity is never discovered. It's constructed.

You are whatever the heck you say you are."

Here's the premise: If there is no God, there's no absolute law other than the laws of physical nature. Therefore life is random, and we can do whatever we want.

The Problem: No one can live this way.

On the basis of their own view, they have no right to say what anyone else is doing is wrong. Because if you insist on saying something is wrong then you would be acknowledging that there actually is some kind of truth we have to acknowledge. **But you say there isn't.**

It's impossible view, but if there is no God, it's the only honest view we really have in the absence of God.

2. What the Bible says about your identity.

The Bible says self-esteem is not a psychological issue rather it's a theological issue.

The basic truth of Psalm 8 is the more you see and realize the glory and majesty of God, the more you will see and realize the glory and honor of your own individual self.

The glory of God and the honor and glory of the human individual are bound up together.

How these things are bound together?

"O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! vs.1

What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor." vs. 4,5

If the universe was created then everything in it, including you and me, is a work of His hands. Therefore, *"We can't live as we wish, can we?"*

But on the other hand, *"We would know we're valuable. We would know we are crowned with glory and honor."*

The psalmist is saying God made it.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, vs. 3

Conversely if we look at the vastness of the heavens, and we don't see God has created anything, that there isn't any Creator.

In that case, you and I are nothing but stuff.

There's no purpose for us. We are absolute accidents.