



Questions:

1. Is your connection to the Psalms more practical or poetic?
2. How might you approach the Psalms in a way that you can make them your own?
3. What do you think Pamela means by “the honesty of the psalms”?
4. In what ways might the psalms evoke transformative acts of love?
5. How might your practices like reading the Psalms deepen your relationship with God?
6. How does hearing a Psalm as music change its meaning or impact for you?
7. Psalm 8 expresses the wonder of the universe. How do you experience that wonder?

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Can We Talk?, Episode 1

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Pneuma Divina Scripture: Psalm 8

To the leader: according to The Gittith. A Psalm of David.

¹ O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

² Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;

⁴ what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?

⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honour.

⁶ You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,

⁷ all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,

⁸ the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

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how majestic is your name in all the earth!