

- 2 *Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.*
- 3 *When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;*
- 4 *What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?*
- 5 *For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.*
- 6 *Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: (Psalm 8:2-6)*

It is the delight of the Almighty to confound the wise with the simple, to put down the mighty with the weak, and to bring down the exalted with the humble. When we contemplate the infinite magnitude and unsearchable glories of the stars and planets, the illimitable expanse of the heavens, then turn to gaze upon a helpless babe in a crib, the contrast is staggering. Yet it is in this helpless babe that the Creator has ordained His strength.

Of all creatures, none is more helpless, vulnerable, utterly dependent than the human infant. God does His work with these puny, helpless sucklings. It has pleased Him to use man as His vicar, His representative. We are said to bear His image. He has put the fear of man in every beast, fowl, fish and reptile. To all other creatures, man is god. All things are put under his feet. The first man was told to subdue and have dominion over all the works of God's hands.

How far man has fallen from this exalted place! It is now man, not beast, that fears everything. He fears beasts, other men, elements, circumstances, the future, shadows, superstitions, everything but the God he should fear. Instead of walking upright as a conqueror, he grovels in the dust as a worm. He is stricken with micro-organisms and dies of disease. He becomes addicted and enslaved to alcohol, drugs, tobacco. Esau sold his birthright for beans, but now men sell their souls for poison. He who was created to be capable of the highest good, has sunk to be the perpetrator of the lowest evil.

Yet the fact remains: God has ordained in His strength in an infant. And when the fullness of time came, God sent His Own Son, born of a virgin, to redeem His crowning creation from the ruin brought upon him by the enemy of our souls. And Jesus has overcome. He has rescued ruined men from the bondage of the evil one, and now He sits enthroned with all powers under His feet. "O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!"

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