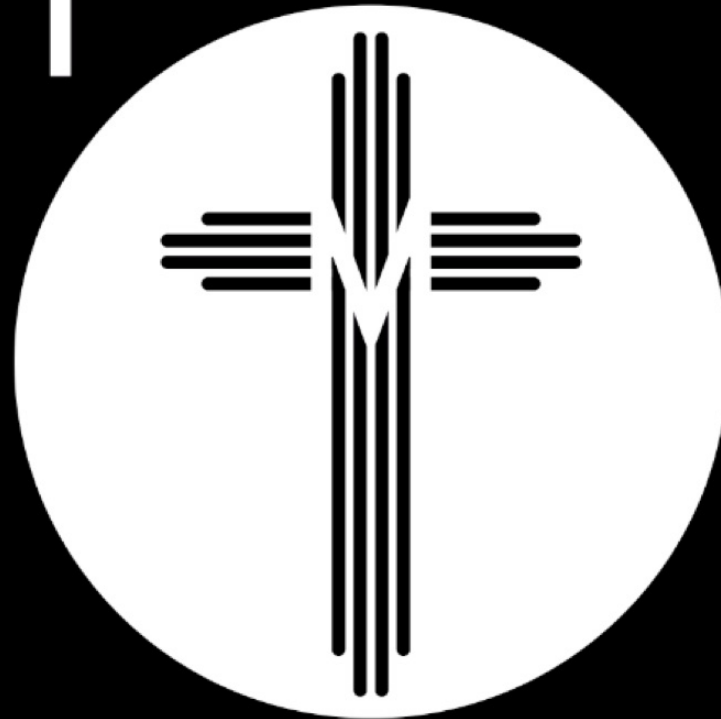


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Psalm 8-9

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Romans 1:18-21

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# The Significance Of God

## Chiastic Structure (Chiasm)

A - Bookend

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# 1) The Significance Of God's Majestic Name (8:1-4, 9; 9:1-2)

A voice says, "Cry!"  
And I said, "What shall I cry?"  
All flesh is grass,  
and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.  
The grass withers, the flower fades  
when the breath of the LORD blows on it;  
surely the people are grass.  
The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the word of our God will stand forever.

Isaiah 40:6-8

Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

James 1:9-11

2) God's Gift Of Significance To Man (8:5-8)

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Genesis 1:26

...[H]e had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
and no beauty that we should desire him.

Isaiah 53:2b

Hebrews 2:6-18

### 3) The Significance Of God's Judgment (9:3-8, 15-20)



Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

John 3:18-21

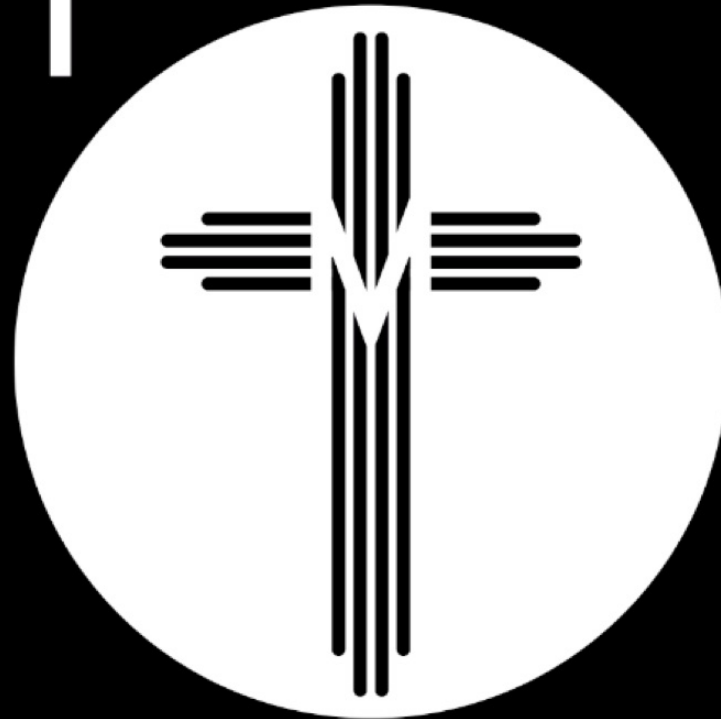
## 4) The Significance of God's Redemption (9:9-14)

Sing praises to the LORD, who sits enthroned in Zion!  
Tell among the peoples his deeds!  
For he who avenges blood is mindful of them;  
he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.

Be gracious to me, O LORD!  
See my affliction from those who hate me,  
O you who lift me up from the gates of death,  
that I may recount all your praises,  
that in the gates of the daughter of Zion  
I may rejoice in your salvation.

Psalms 9:11-14

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