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¹ Lord, our Lord, how magnificent is Your name throughout the earth! You have covered the heavens with Your majesty.

² Because of Your adversaries, You have established a stronghold from the mouths of children and nursing infants, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

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**³ When I observe Your heavens, the work
of Your fingers, the moon and the stars,
which You set in place,**

**⁴ what is man that You remember him, the
son of man that You look after him?**

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⁵ You made him little less than God and crowned him with glory and honor.

⁶ You made him lord over the works of Your hands; You put everything under his feet:

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**⁷ all the sheep and oxen, as well as
animals in the wild,
⁸ birds of the sky, and fish of the sea
passing through the currents of the seas.
⁹ Lord, our Lord, how magnificent is Your
name throughout the earth!**

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1. His Name

¹ Lord, our Lord, how magnificent is Your name throughout the earth!

The opening words are “Yahweh, our Lord,” the first being the personal name of God, followed by his title.

Declaring our relationship and His authority.

2. His Creation

³ When I observe Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You set in place,

The translation of *look (observe) Your heavens* should not imply the mere act of seeing but rather should suggest contemplation. It is therefore sometimes necessary to say “when I look at and think about....”

3. Our Position in Creation

⁵ You made him (us) little less than **God** and crowned him with glory and honor.

The greatness of the human being is seen in the fact that God made him inferior only to ***elohim***.

Reference back to the Genesis account of creation, created in His image.

4. Our Praise

⁹ Lord, our Lord, how magnificent is Your name throughout the earth!

Praise Him for who He is.

Praise Him for allowing us to be part of His majestic creation.

**⁹ Yahweh, our Adonay, how Majestic is
Your name throughout the earth!**

Yahweh, the personal name.

Adonay, the master or ruling name.

Can you call Him both?

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