

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**  
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***IF ANYTHING IS EXCELLENT***

**Introduction:** *“A man’s dream should exceed his grasp, or what’s a heaven for.”* (Robert Browning)  
What kind of thinking inspires us to achieve great dreams?

**Phil 4:8**

*“...if anything is excellent...think about such things.”*

**I. WOW OF GOD’S CREATION** - Psalm 8

1. The MAJESTY of God
2. The UNIQUENESS of man

**II. WONDERS OF MAN’S EFFORTS**

1. ARCHITECTURE
2. ACHIEVEMENTS
3. ABILITY

**III. WORKS OF ART**

1. LITERATURE
2. MUSIC
3. PAINTING and SCULPTURE

**IV. WITNESS OF PERSONAL TESTIMONY**

1. TRIUMPH over TRIALS
2. Encourages FAITH and HOPE
3. Gives a new PERSPECTIVE

**V. WELDING OF CLOSE FRIENDS**

Prov. 27:17 - *“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.”*

1 Sam 18:1 - *“...Jonathan became one in spirit with David...”*

**VI. WORD OF GOD**

Ps 119:96 - *“To all perfection I see a limit; but your commands are boundless.”*

Ps. 119:130 - *“The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.”*

**Conclusion:** God wants me to live in the HEAVENLIES not in the GUTTER.