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GOD'S RIGHT AS SOVEREIGN, LORD AND CREATOR PROVED FROM SCRIPTURE.

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth," Gen. 1st, 1st. The name God, expressive of omnipotent power. In the Hebrew means strong and mighty. The Psalmist breaks forth into songs of praise, as he contemplates the glories of God's works. "When I consider the heavens the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;" What is man? that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man that thou visitest him?" The allusions in the third verse lead to the idea that this Psalm was written by David in his early life, when his nightly watches as a Shepherd, gave him frequent and ever recurring opportunities of observing the glory and Majesty of God, as shown in the exceeding beauty and brilliancy of the starry host. Ps. 8th, 3-4. "Praise Him sun and moon : praise Him, all ye stars and light." Ps. 148th, 3. Let the sun, the fount of light and gladness, precious emblem of the "Light which lighteth every man"—let the moon which rules the night and is type of the church giving to the world the light received from the Sun of Righteousness—let the stars, so vast in numbers and lovely in their brightness, let these ever praise Him, who made and blessed them in the beginning. "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handy-work." Ps. 19th, 1. Returning to the 8th Psalm again the sweet singer of Israel, contemplates man, the last and noblest work of all— the dignities and capacities bestowed upon him, the position assigned to him, viz. glory, honour and dominion, as he was before the fall, and such as he will again be when restored by Christ, to whom as the only and one perfect man, the expressions in this Psalm are especially applicable. "The heavens are Thine; the earth also is Thine; Thou hast laid the foundation of the round world, and all that therein is." "Thou hast made the north and the south : Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in Thy name." He had created the heavens