

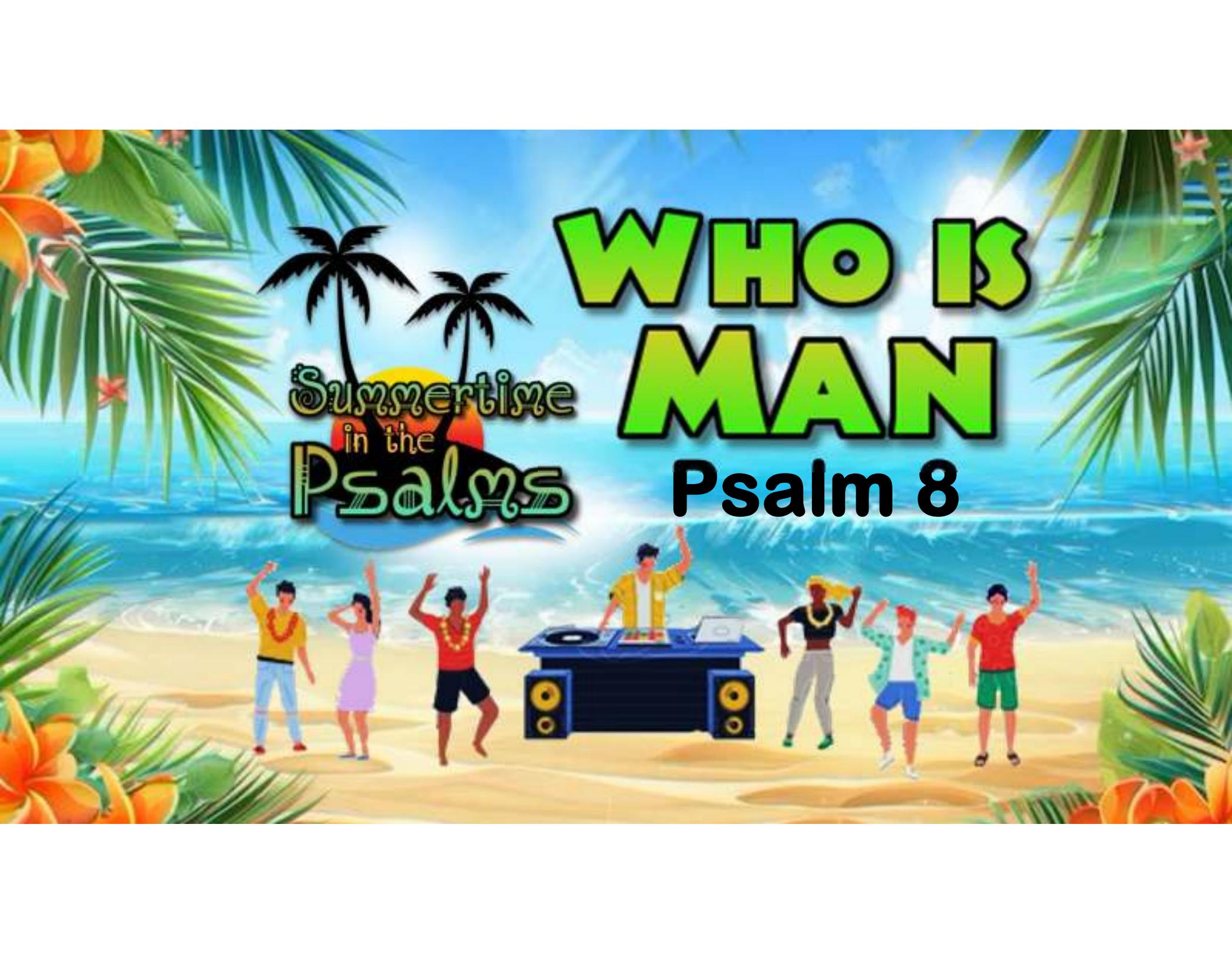
THE BLUE DOT

“If you look at it, you see a dot that’s here, that’s home, that’s us.”

“Our planet is a lonely speck in the great enveloping cosmic dark.”



We ought to ask ourselves how we can possibly matter in a universe so vast?



Summertime
in the
Psalms

WHO IS
MAN

Psalm 8

WHO IS GOD?

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger

Psalm 8:1-2

The Psalmist does not just see the earth's grandeur

They see it for what it is - a revelation of the grandeur of God for God created all, including humanity



WHO GOD CREATED MAN TO BE!

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." So, God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:26-27



WHO GOD CREATED MAN TO BE?

We must understand the difference between God created and manmade, for this difference fuels the dilemma

God created male and female to live in a marriage relationship until death do, they part, manmade divorce (*Matthew 19:3-8*)



One good way to identify manmade is we attempt to apply scripture to defend or justify our actions verses letting scripture speak for itself



WHO GOD CREATED MAN TO BE?

Jesus began by overstepping Moses and went straight to God created. Moses was not and is not the authority, God is



Just because man permits it does not mean God created it or endorses it

The word hard there is “calloused” which is hardening over time. Every time you allow manmade to trump God created you are contributing to callousing your own heart



WHO GOD CREATED MAN TO BE?

God's creation is about diversity
manmade division

God create equity but more importantly
equality manmade exclusion based on
prejudice, biases, injustice and even hate



Even after sin enter the world, God created inclusion
(*Galatians 5:8*) manmade isolation

*There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave
nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are
all one in Christ Jesus.*



WHO IS MAN ABSENT OF GOD!

*When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what
is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that
you care for them*

Psalm 8:3-4

He looks at how big and powerful the world is, he realizes how big God is but also how small man is.

Against such grandeur, man shrinks to insignificance because man alone in the universe is nothing.

When considered against the backdrop of a universe so vast, it is impossible to think that anything we do matters at all.



WHO IS MAN BECAUSE OF GOD?

You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

Our significance is found not in *Psalm 8:5-8*
who we are by ourselves, but in who God
has made us to be in relationship to him.



THE GOD AND HUMAN RELATIONSHIP

God Gives Us Value: *"You made him a little lower than angels"*

According to a scientific study, the chemicals in the human body are worth about \$3.50

God created us in His image and because of this a human life has value

Other earthly creatures exist on this rock with their food and their mates and feel content

We look across our planet and up into the heavens always in search of something with a desire to create and explore





Sometime
in the
Psalms

**SOMETHING
IS MISSING!**

THE GOD AND HUMAN RELATIONSHIP

God Gives Us Honor: *“You crowned him with glory and majesty”*

We look at the universe and see the glory and majesty of God. The Psalmist says that God has crowned us with the same majesty

When we consider the universe, we see the greatness of God

If we would learn to look at man this way, we would be equally amazed at what man is able to do and how radically different God made him



THE GOD AND HUMAN RELATIONSHIP

God Gives Us Work: *"You make him to rule over the works of your hand"*

He also made us useful

It's important to realize that we were made for meaningful labor

Genesis says God created mankind and put them in a garden work still to be done

He invites us to collaborate with Him



THE GOD AND HUMAN RELATIONSHIP

God Gives Us Responsibility: *"You have put all things under his feet"*

God did not just give us work; He gave us responsibility.

We are in charge - we have power to do great good or great evil

But since our power comes from God, we need to see ourselves as working for Him

We must learn to exercise our authority as an act of stewardship



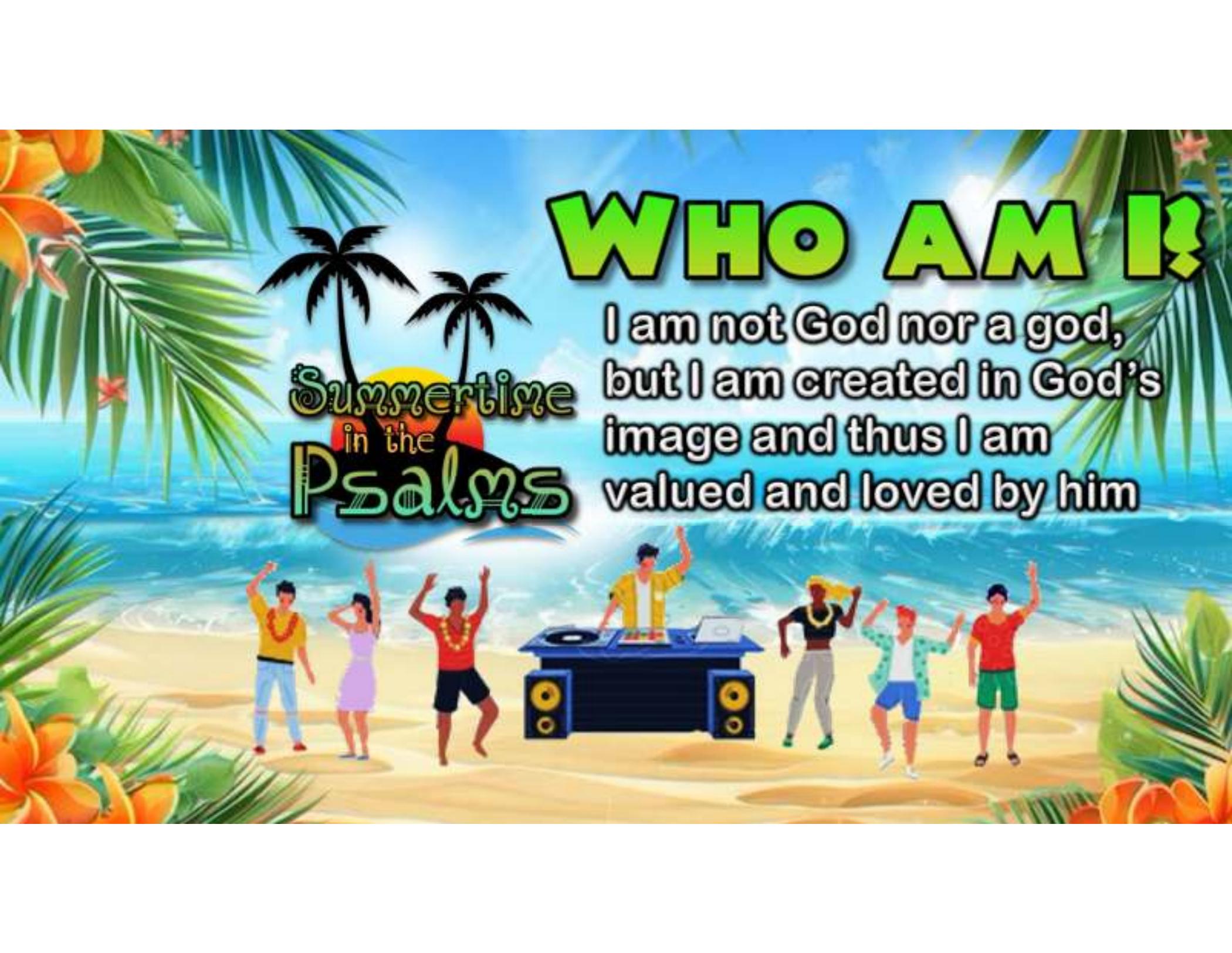
SEE YOURSELF AS GOD DOES

You are neither the center of everything nor the pointless afterthought of a blind universe

Instead of Arrogance you should have
Gratitude to God (*1 Corinthians 4:7*)

Instead of Isolation see the Love of God
(*Matthew 10: 29 - 31*)





Summertime
in the
Psalms

WHO AM I?

I am not God nor a god,
but I am created in God's
image and thus I am
valued and loved by him