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God Created All

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... We're just behind Kaufman's Lumber Company in Little Rock Arkansas

Psalm 104:5-9, 24-30

Introduction: David, in the former psalm, gave God the glory of his covenant-mercy and love to his own people; in this he gives him the glory of his works of **creation** and **providence**, his **dominion** over, and his bounty to, all the creatures. God is there praised as the God of grace, here as the God of **nature**.

...Many great things the psalmist here gives God the glory of I. The splendour of his majesty in the upper world, Psalms 104:1-4. II. The creation of the sea and the dry land, Psalms 104:5-9. III. The provision he makes for the maintenance of all the creatures according to their nature, Psalms 104:10-18,27,28. IV. The regular course of the sun and moon, Psalms 104:19-24.

V. The furniture of the sea, Psalms 104:25,26. VI. God's sovereign power over all the creatures, Psalms 104:29-32. And, lastly, he concludes with a pleasant and firm resolution to continue praising God (Psalms 104:33-35), with which we should heartily join in singing this psalm.

(Source: *The Matthew Henry Commentary on the whole Bible* classic.studylight.org/com/mhc)

Thought 1. David wrote this Psalm in the last year of his life on earth. He left his body at age seventy to go and REST in Abraham's bosom (Luke 16) until Jesus was resurrected and took him, and the others of faith, from there to heaven. Source: Reese Chronological Bible

These words came to his heart as he began to commune with his God, and are the benefit of his ministry as a prophet and being close to him. He looked at him, and his works; and gave him praise! There is no better place to have our mind than on Jehovah (Yahweh), our God as we prepare to end our work, and in time, receive our reward for obedience! And WE, his children, are in control of how CLOSE our relationship is with our Father.

James 4:6-8, But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God **resisteth (oppose)** the **PROUD**, but giveth grace unto the **humble**. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (You) **Draw nigh to God**, and **he will draw nigh to you**.

Thought 2. This scripture gives us reality about getting close to our Father. Some folk say, "If you make one step, he'll make two". Well, now we know the truth.

Psalm 104:1-4, **Bless** the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty. Who coverest thyself with **light** as with a garment: who stretchest out the **heavens** like a **curtain**: Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind: Who maketh his **angels spirits**; his **ministers** a flaming fire:

Bless defined 1288, praise, thank, (as an act of adoration [external homage { reverential worship; devout affection (LOVE) }, accompanied with the highest reverence. It is used for the act of praying, or preferring requests or thanksgiving, to the Supreme Being.]).

NOTE: The psalmist looks up to the divine **glory** shining in the upper world, of which, though it is one of the things not seen, faith is the evidence. With what **reverence** and **holy awe** does he begin his meditation with that acknowledgment: O Lord my God! thou art very great! It is the **joy** of the saints that he who is their God is a great God. The **grandeur** of the prince is the pride and pleasure of all his good subjects. The majesty of God is here set forth by various instances, alluding to the figure which great princes in their public appearances covet to make. Their equipage, compared with his (even of the eastern kings, who most affected pomp), is but as the light of a glow-worm compared with that of the sun, when he goes forth in his strength. Princes appear great, 1. In their robes; and what are God's robes? Thou art clothed with **honour** and **majesty...** (Source: *The Matthew Henry Commentary on the whole Bible* classic.studylight.org/com/mhc)

Psalm 104:5, *Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed **for ever.***

NOTE: When God established the earth, he put it into a certain **orbit** and at certain **tilt**. The earth orbits the sun once a year, and because of its tilt, the seasons occur. We are told that the earth's axis is tilted at **23.45 degrees**, making different places on the earth face toward the sun at different times of the year. Summer is warmer than winter because the rays of the sun hit the earth at a more direct angles during summer months. This is not a matter of happenstance, it is from the direct creating power of God. (Source: *The Bible Expositor and Illuminator, Union Press Publication-Christian Life Series*)

Thought 1. Since the scripture says the foundations of the earth will not be removed for ever, that means when God makes the new atmosphere and the new earth that's written about in the book of Revelation and other scriptures, the earth will have the same foundation it had when God first created it.

Psalm 104:6-9, *Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood **above** the mountains. At thy **rebuke (check or restrain)** they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away. They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them.*

*Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn **not again** to cover the earth.*

Thought 1. Genesis 1:1-2, and 2 Peter 3:3-7 also tell of water covering the mountains. But Genesis 1:1, speaks of the fact that God created the earth... ..in the BEGINNING...

Genesis 1:1, In the beginning (first state; entrance into BEING) God created the heaven and the earth.

Thought 2. In order to get the proper context of what is meant by "the beginning," I'll remind you of John 1:1. It says. "**In the beginning** was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was **in the beginning** with God." This tells us the time being spoken of is the beginning of ALL creation, when all things were made. That's Genesis 1:1.

Later, in Genesis 1:31, at the end of the SIX DAY creation, scripture says that God SAW everything he had created, and behold (SEE) it was **"very good!"**

Genesis 1:31, And God SAW every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was **very good.** And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Thought 3. So, **WHENEVER** and **WHATEVER** God creates, it's **ALWAYS** created

very good! With that thought in mind let's look at Gen. 1:2, Jer. 4, and 2 Pet. 3.

Genesis 1:2, And the earth was **WITHOUT FORM**, and **VOID**; and **darkness** was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the **waters**.

Without form defined 8414, a desolation [a waste: a DESTRUCTION].
Void defined 922, an undistinguishable RUIN.

Thought 4. The question now is since the earth and EVERYTHING God ever created was created "very good", then WHY is the earth "a ruin?" The answer is found in looking at where SIN first originated. Scriptures tells us sin began with Lucifer, who is now called Satan. God created him good, but then he corrupted himself. And there was war in Heaven, and as we know Lucifer was defeated and was judged by God along with the earth, where he reigned on his **throne**. All of this took place BEFORE the SIX DAY creation.

Isaiah 14:12-17, How art thou fallen from heaven, O **Lucifer**... how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast **said** in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, **I will exalt** my **throne** ABOVE the stars of **God**... ..yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. They that see thee shall... look upon thee... saying, Is this the **man (person)** that made the earth to tremble... ..made the world as a WILDERNESS...

Ezekiel 28:12-15, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of WISDOM, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering... Thou was **perfect** in thy ways from the day that thou wast **created**, till iniquity was found in thee..

Revelation 12:4, 7-9 ...his tail drew the third part of the **stars** of heaven (*the angels*)... ..And there was **WAR** in **heaven**: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his **angels**, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that **old serpent**, called the **Devil**, and **Satan**, which **deceiveth** the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Thought 5. Because of God's **judgment**, the earth was covered with water: made a "RUIN." Remember, the flood of Noah's time did not destroy ALL of the life on earth, nor destroyed the sky. So, this is WHY in Gen 1:2, God begins to make the earth "very good" AGAIN, and this time, he gives man dominion over it.

Jeremiah 4:23, I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was **WITHOUT FORM**, and **VOID**; and the heavens, and they had **no light**.

2 Peter 3:3-6, Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own **lusts (desires)**, And saying, Where is the **promise** of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, ALL things continue as they were from the **beginning** of the **creation (original formation)**.

For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of **old**, and the earth standing out of the water and IN the water: Whereby the WORLD that then was, being **overflowed** with water, **PERISHED (destroy [RUIN] FULLY)**.

Psalms 104:10-14, He sendeth the **springs** into the valleys, which run among the hills. They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses quench their thirst. By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, which sing among the branches. He **watereth** the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works. He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth **food** out of the earth...

Isaiah 55:10-11, For as the **rain** cometh down... the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:
So shall **my word** be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me **VOID**, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall **prosper** in the **thing** whereto **I sent it**.

Thought 1. Most of us have heard the part of these verses that speak of God's word not returning void. But, when we back up in scripture to get the context of "his word not returning void," it doesn't convey the meaning we hear most often BELIEVED about what's being said. We all know that when it rains, ALL of the earth doesn't absorb the water. It's the same with sowing seed. In the parable of the sower, even though the seed fell on ALL types of ground, it couldn't produce in the "hard" ground because it was not UNDERSD TOOD so it could be received. (Matt. 13:19) But, what God wanted took place, in that ALL of the **four** grounds had the word come to them.

Psalm 104:15-24, *And wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart. The trees of the LORD are full of **sap**; the cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted; Where the birds make their nests: as for the stork, the fir trees are her house.*

*The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats; and the rocks for the conies. He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down. Thou makest darkness, and it is night: wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth. The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God. The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens. **Man** goeth forth unto **his work** and to **his labour** until the evening.*

O LORD, how manifold are **thy works!** in **wisdom** hast thou made them **ALL**: the earth is full of thy riches.

NOTE: When MEN undertake many works, and of different kinds, commonly SOME of them are neglected and not done with due care; but God's works, though many and of very different kinds, are all made in wisdom and with the greatest exactness; there is **not** the **least flaw** nor **defect** in them. The works of art, the more closely they are looked upon with the help of microscopes, the more rough they appear; the works of nature through these glasses appear more fine and exact. They are all made in wisdom, for they are all made to answer the end they were designed to serve, the good of the universe, in order to the **glory** of the universal Monarch. (Source: *The Matthew Henry Commentary on the whole Bible* classic.studylight.org/com/mhc)

Thought 1. As we know, Yahweh: God the Father created ALL things by his Son, Jesus.

John 1:1-3, In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was WITH God, and the Word was **God**. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were **made** by him; and **without** him was **not** any thing **made** that **was made**.

Colossians 1:12-16, Giving thanks unto the **Father...power** of darkness, and hath translated us INTO the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who IS the image of the invisible God, the **FIRSTBORN** of every **creature (original formation, creation)**: For **BY (IN)** him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: ALL things were created **BY (through)** him, and for him...

Psalm 104:25-26, *So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts. There go the ships: there is that **leviathan (a serpent (spec. the crocodile or some other large sea-monster))**, whom thou hast made to play therein.*

Thought 1. I'm reminded of God's conversation with Job when he was convincing him that he was NOT the cause of Job's adversity, nor did he have anything to do with it.

Job 41:1-5, Canst thou draw out **leviathan** with an hook? or his tongue with a cord which thou lettest down? Canst thou put an hook into his nose? or bore his jaw through with a thorn? Will he make many supplications unto thee? will he speak soft words unto thee? Will he make a covenant with thee? wilt thou take him for a servant for ever? Wilt thou play with him as with a bird?

Thought 2. As we know today, Job's FEAR is what gave Satan place (PERMISSION) in his life. God did not "allow" Satan to come against Job, and he still doesn't give him permission.

Job 3:25-26, For the thing I greatly **FEARED** is come upon me. I was **not** in safety, neither had **I rest**, neither was **I quiet**; yet trouble **came**.

Thought 3. If we'll remember the scripture about how SIN and DEATH entered the earth, we'll SEE that Adam was the one who gave Satan authority in the earth to become the "god of this world." But God has set a day when this ends and Jesus reigns in the earth. We now have authority over Satan and we're told to NOT give Satan "permission".

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 ...if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are **lost**: In whom the **god** of this world hath blinded the **minds** of them which believe not...

Ephesians 4:26-27, Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: neither GIVE place (a spot, licence [PERMISSION to act]) to the **DEVIL**.

Psalms 104:27-28, These **wait** all upon thee; that thou mayest give them their **meat** in due season. That thou givest them they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with **good**.

Thought 1. This is a part of "Providence, the CARE (oversight, implying concern for safety and prosperity) and superintendence (care and oversight for the purpose of direction 1913 Webster's) which God exercises over his creatures.

A belief in divine providence is a source of great consolation to good men.

Luke 12:6-7, Are not five **sparrows** sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.

Colossians 1:17 ...he (Jesus) is **before (in front of)** all things, and **BY** him ALL things **consist (stand** (to be in a state of fixedness; hence, to CONTINUE).

Psalms 104:29-30, Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their **breath (life)**, they die, and return to their dust. Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are **created**: and thou **renewest** the face of the earth.

NOTE: ... **thou renewest** ..by a new set of creatures of all kinds being brought upon it to fill it. As there is also a daily renewing it every morning by the rising sun, giving fresh **life** and vigour to all created beings; and a yearly one every spring, when the face of all nature is **renewed** and **revived**. Jarchi and Arama understand it of the resurrection of the dead; this sense Kimchi mentions as an article of their faith, but not as the sense of the text. (Source: biblestudytools.com/commentaries/gills-exposition-of-the-bible/)

Psalms 104:31-35, The **glory** of the LORD shall endure for ever: the LORD shall rejoice in his works. He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke. I will **sing** unto the LORD **as long as I live**: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD. Let the **sinners** be consumed out of the earth, and let the **wicked** be **no more**. Bless thou the LORD, O my soul. Praise ye the Lord.