



GOD OF WONDERS

Psalm 104

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In Psalm 104, we get to hear the psalmist sing of the Lord's glory in creation. This Psalm reflects the teaching and vocabulary of Genesis 1. The word praises the acts of God in creating the world, without forgetting the fall of man and the cursed earth. The flow of this psalm loosely follows the order of creation similar to what was given in Genesis 1 but closes in verse 35 with an allusion to the end time events of Revelation 20-22.

Psalm 104:27-35

*"These all look to you, to give them their food in due season. **28** When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. **29** When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. **30** When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground. **31** May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works, **32** who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke! **33** I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. **34** May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord. **35** Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more! Bless the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord!"*

1. God Created The HEAVENS and EARTH (v 1-9)

*"They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips," **Romans 1:29***

3** And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. **4** And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. **7** And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. **8** And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day." **Genesis 1:3-5, 7-8

- God's CONTROL of the world is COMFORTING to those who recognize it.

2. God MET The NEEDS of All Creatures (v 10-18)

*"**9** And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. **11** And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. **13** And there was evening and there was morning, the third day." **Genesis 1:9, 11, 13***

3. God Created The SUN and MOON (v 19-23)

14 And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, **15** and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. **16** And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars "next week" **19** And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day." **Genesis 1:14-16, 19**

4. God Created The SEA and Its INHABITANTS (v 24-26)

20 And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." **21** So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. **22** And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." **23** And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day." **Genesis 1:20-23**

5. God Gives Providential CARE (v 27-30)

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." **29** And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. **31** And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day." **Genesis 1:28-29, 31**

God created all things; giving life by his breath The psalmist longs for all the earth to know that God alone is creator and sustainer. Even though our nature is sinful and the world is cursed because of sin, we anticipate a new heaven and earth someday.

Salvation through Jesus Christ

The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory" and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. **The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness.** Then, identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.