

God's Creation

The Evidence of a Designer (Part 2)

Text: Psalm 104:14-24

Introduction:

1. Our text continues with the evidence of God's creation.
2. We stand in awe at what He has done for us.
3. We can be truly amazed at what He has **DONE** for us and what He is doing **NOW** for us with His creation.
4. The evidence of a **Great Designer** behind the **Design** of this world that we call home is proof of the mighty power and foresight of our **Mighty God**.
5. From our text we will study some of (1) What **He Causes To Be Made** (on earth for our needs) and (2) What **He Has Also Made** (in the heavens to supply our needs).
6. We can Praise Him and be truly thankful for what **He has made** and done for us.

I. He Causes To Be Made (on the earth) (v14)

A. The grass and the meadows that **He has made** to grow for the cattle by His rains (v13) – rain at the right time and right amounts.

1. *"Then God said, "Let the earth sprout **vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them**"; and it was so. The earth brought forth **vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, after their kind; and God saw that it was good.**"* –

Genesis 1:11-12

B. The vegetation and fruits for the grain crops (wheat, corn, soybeans) and the tender gardens (tomato's, potatoes, sweet corn, green beans and **yes even spinach**) that **He has made** to grow for man's consumption.

1. Everything is **in its place at the right time to make all of this happen**. (certain crops just grow where they can grow – [example rice and cotton in southern states, corn and wheat in the Midwestern to Northern states, oranges, grapefruits in the southern states, the fertile valleys in California and Florida supplying fresh produce **even during the winter months**]) *It is not by accident that this happens.*
2. The minerals from the earth that **He has made (for the fertilizers and the minerals for the crops to grow, which**

in turn supply us with the minerals that you and I need in order for us to live) – Not by accident, for it is He is our Creator – the Designer behind the Design.

- a. **Calcium** is important for *building strong bones and teeth* – **found in leafy plants – broccoli** for example)
 - b. The body needs **Chloride** for the *production of hydrochloric acid*. This is *produced in the stomach and helps digest food*. – **found in tomatoes, celery, olives, rye)**
 - c. **Iron** is *important for the blood*. -- **green leafy green vegetables** (e.g. **spinach, broccoli**), beans, whole grains (e.g. wheat, oats)
 - d. The body needs **Potassium** or *proper functioning of muscles and the nervous system* (brains and nerves). – **bananas, broccoli and other green leafy vegetables, tomatoes, legumes** (e.g. beans, peas, lentils, peanuts), **citrus fruits** (e.g. oranges, tangerines).
3. The right type of soils that **He has made** for the crops and gardens to grow (the **deep** loess soil in Western Iowa (*from windblown soils*), the deep top soil in Northern Iowa – the soils along our rivers and creeks (*alluvium or water transported soils*)) – the best soils to the not so good of soils – many used just for the grazing of livestock – with the soils placed on flat terrain to very steep terrain – all kinds of soil, for crops, pastures, meadows, timber, etc. **He has made**
- C. The **herbs** that **He has made** to grow for the seasoning of our foods (*aren't you all glad of that – or everything would all taste the same – like eating **zucchini** without seasoning and by itself*).
- D. What this means for us today:
1. To give and **to increase faith in our Great God**, for He has said, *“But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more clothe you? You of little faith! **Do not worry** then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?’” – **Matthew 6:30-31***

2. That we may put our **total trust in our Great God** for His **supplying us with our needs** (*not necessarily our wants, and there is a difference between the two*).
 - a. **“God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” – Philippians 4:19**
 - b. We are richly blessed because of **our trust in the Lord**, **“Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD And whose trust is the LORD.” – Jeremiah 17:7**
3. At our bleakest moments, we have Someone in whom we can trust and rely upon – for it is He who *“...hears the prayer of the righteous”* – **Proverbs 15:29**

II. He Also Made (in the heavens) (v19)

A. The moon for the seasons

1. For it is **He who made** *“..the moon for the seasons; The sun knows the place of its setting.”* – (v19)
2. The moon, as well as the sun, is appointed to divide time; to determine its progress; to indicate the return of festival occasions, or appointed times to be observed in any manner. It is, in fact, the foundation of the division of the year into “*months*,” and consequently the indication of all that is to be observed in the “*months*” of the year. But for this, there would be no natural divisions of time except those of day and night, and of the year.

B. The sun rising and setting

1. As you wake up in the morning, you set your feet over the edge of the bed and take a deep breath. Isn't it magnificent to wake up to a striking sunrise, with the trees and plants in your front yard swaying in the breeze? On the third day of creation, God said, *“Then God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them”;...and God saw that it was good”* – **Genesis 1:11-12**
2. The Sun provides light for plants, so they can produce more of the precious oxygen needed to sustain life on the Earth. This ever-essential commodity is produced by a process called photosynthesis. The biochemical processes involved in photosynthesis are exceptionally complex, and yet an individual, diminutive cell can perform the

complicated tasks many times over. – **The Design requires a Master Designer and that is God.**

- a. We all learned about photosynthesis at school. For this particular chemical reaction to take place you need the chemical chlorophyll together with the essential ingredient, sunlight. For thousands of years man has known that for green plants to prosper, they need the sunlight.
 - b. The interrelated life cycles of all living things complement each other. Plants use sunlight and carbon dioxide to make oxygen and food, which are needed by the animal kingdom and human beings. Each generation of living things reproduces **after its own kind**, helping to keep this balance in tune.
 - c. Less than 0.10 percent of all the sun's energy falls on the earth. Yet if just that small fraction of power could be harnessed, we would never have any energy shortage. But we have learned that our sun is only an average-sized star in our galaxy of over 1 billion stars! We have no way to even measure that kind of energy! Even more awesome is that our galaxy is only one of more than a million galaxies! What is a billion times immeasurable energy? And **God made and energized it all in just one day!**
 - 1) The Psalmist exclaims to us the awesome show of God's power, "*When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained; What is man that You take thought of him, And the son of man that You care for him?*" – **Psalms 8:3-4**
 - 2) As hard as all of this is to understand, what is even harder for us to comprehend about God's working is that all of this was **created through the power of God's Word** - that same Word that became flesh and dwelt among us! Truly His love for us is beyond our comprehension!
3. To give life giving 'sunshine' for **His crops**.
 - a. The Sun is like a giant nuclear engine. It gives off more energy in a single second than mankind has produced since the Creation. It converts 8 million tons of matter

into energy **every single second**, and has an interior temperature of more than 20 million degrees Celsius. Our Earth is located at just the right distance from the Sun to receive the correct amount of heat and radiation for life, as we know it to remain in existence. If the Earth were a small percentage closer than what it is right now we would receive too much heat and radiation, and we would be disintegrated. On the other hand, if we were any further from the sun than we are right now we would receive a lack of radiation and heat, and we would freeze to death.

b. Every second, our sun casts energy equaling over four-and-a-half million horsepower on every square mile of earth.

C. What does this mean for us today?

1. **It is He who in control** – not ourselves of His magnificent universe. *“For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (He is the God who formed the earth and made it, He established it and did not create it a waste place, but formed it to be inhabited), “I am the LORD, and there is none else.” – Isaiah 45:18*
2. **The power of God is shown in His creation**, *“Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, And marked off the heavens by the span, And calculated the dust of the earth by the measure, And weighed the mountains in a balance And the hills in a pair of scales?” – Isaiah 40:12*
3. **God’s invisible attributes**, eternal power and divine nature can be clearly seen and understood by us today by the evidences of His creation in what **He has made**.
4. All we have to do today is to open our eyes to see the Designer behind the Design in His evidences, *“Lift up your eyes on high And see who has created these stars, The One who leads forth their host by number, He calls them all by name; Because of the greatness of His might and the strength of His power, Not one of them is missing.” – Isaiah 40:26*
5. With the evidences set before us we can speak the words of the Psalmist, *“O LORD, how many are Your works! In*

wisdom You have made them all; The earth is full of Your possessions.” – **Psalm 104:24**

Conclusion:

1. We can be **truly thankful for our Great God is His Design of His Creation.**
 - a. For we are made in His image (**Genesis 1:26**) and He knows everything about us and what we need.
 - b. “...*God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.*” – **Philippians 4:19**
2. Realizing that Whom is **behind the design** of all that we see and is **STILL** in charge, **hopelessness** changes to **hope**, **sadness** changes to **joy**, **turmoil** turns to **peace** and **hatred** turns to **love** as we meditate upon what our Great God has done for us and is still doing for us today by all the evidences of **His Power** and **His Love** that surround us.