

God's Creation

The Evidence of a Designer (Part 3)

Text: Psalm 104:25-35

Introduction:

1. The Scriptures that we are going to cover this morning is a continuation of our study of the evidences as shown in **Psalm 104**.
2. The Psalmist refers to the great sea, the animals being fed by God and God's renewing of His creation.
3. The Psalmist gives us some insight into our Great God and Creator of the Universe and all that is in it. "*For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them*" – **Exodus 20:11**
4. For it is He who (1) Has Formed, (2) Gives and (3) Renews His Creation.
5. Our study this morning is to see what all of this means for us today.

I. God Has Formed (v25-26)

A. The sea

1. In this particular instance the sea that the Psalmist is talking about is most likely the Mediterranean.
 - a. It is one of the great and manifold works of God, made in his wisdom, and full of his riches and possessions.
 - b. Part of the collection of waters which God called seas that is great in length, and wide and spacious in breadth. "*God called the dry land earth, and the gathering of the waters He called seas; and God saw that it was good.*" – **Genesis 1:10**
 - c. The word "*animals*" refers to any of the inhabitants of the deep, and the idea is that there is an endless variety "*there.*" This reflection cannot but impress itself on the mind of anyone when looking on the ocean: What a countless number, and what a vast variety of inhabitants are there in these waters - all created by God; all provided for by his bounty!
2. The ships move along
 - a. From place to place from one end of the world to the other carrying their merchandise.
 - 1) This is one of the four things that were too wonderful for Solomon, "*...The way of a ship in the middle of the sea....*" – **Proverbs 30:19**
 - 2) Navigation during the times of Solomon had improved in his times, but not so much as now (with super tankers, GPS, atomic power, etc).
 - 3) The original of ships was doubtless Noah's ark so that they owed their first draught/draft (*depth the ship sinks into the water when fully loaded*) to God.

B. The Leviathan to sport in it (*the sea*)

1. The book of **Job** chapter **41** tells us a lot about this sea creature – “fierce” (**10**); “terrible teeth in its mouth” (**14**); “scales on its body” (**15-17**); “breathes fire” (**18-21**); “spears do not penetrate its body” (**26-29**); “nothing like it on earth – fears nothing” (**33**) “called a serpent in **Isaiah 27:1**”
2. Most likely the dinosaur ‘*kronosaurus*’ – which was on the earth the same time as man – mentioned in Job, and even **Psalms 104**.

C. What can we learn from this?

1. The ships upon the sea seem to be an emblem of the church and people of God passing through the sea of this world to the haven of eternal rest.
2. The ship is but a small vessel, takes up little room in comparison to the vast ocean of which it is; and so the church of Christ is small, a little city, and few people in it, a little flock, a small remnant.
3. As a ship is tossed with tempests, so are those in the church with the waves of afflictions, the temptations of Satan, and the persecutions of men.
4. When the sailing is dangerous it means perilous times, through the doctrines of false teachers whereby many suffering shipwreck, but, those who are solid and put their trust in the right place, and having a good pilot, Christ to conduct them and a good anchor of hope, sure and steadfast make it to the shore on the other side.

II. God Give’s (v28)

A. God provides for His creation

1. The bountiful blessings that He has given to us.
2. In the form of clothing on our backs, the food that we eat, the roof that is over our head and all of the ‘*necessities*’ of life.
3. As He blesses His animal kingdom (*with food, etc* [v28]), He will most assuredly bless mankind who is made in His image.

B. God gives life

1. The entire dependence of this immense family on God is set forth.
2. With Him, to kill or make alive is equally easy.
3. To hide His face is to withdraw favor, “*How long, O LORD? Will You forget me forever? How long will You hide Your face from me?*” - **Psalm 13:1**
4. By His spirit, or breath, or mere word, He gives life. “*The God who made the world and all things in it...*” – **Acts 17:24**
5. It is His constant providence which repairs the wastes of time and disease (the black death of the middle ages for example).

C. What does this mean for us today?

1. God still provides for us, His people, and richly blesses us when we abide in Him. “*Blessed be the **God** and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **who has blessed us with every***

spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,” –
Ephesians 1:3

2. Paul told Timothy - *“Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.”* – **1 Timothy 6:17**
3. God gives life
 - a. With answered prayers for those with illness or who have been in accidents. We can be truly thankful for God granting a person’s life to be sustained according to His will.
 - b. God gives life at conception – a new baby that is formed in the womb.
 - c. God gives life to all of His creation – with the beginning of a new spring with the flowers sticking their heads out of the ground that had frozen over during the winter.
 - d. The new animals (the calves, colts, pigs, etc) that come each spring.
 - e. The budding out of the trees that had laid dormant all winter with the new beginning of the life giving foliage formed for absorbing carbon dioxide and making oxygen, providing us with the shade in the summer months, providing a nesting place for the birds to have their young, a place for the birds to set in and sing their songs early in the morning to welcome a new day.

III. God Renews (v30)

- A. Though one generation passes off, yet a new one is made in its place, and the face of the earth constantly puts on the aspect of freshness and newness.
- B. As there is also a daily renewing it every morning by the rising sun, giving fresh life and vigor to all created beings; and a yearly one every spring, when the face of all nature is renewed and revived.
 1. A new beautiful sunrise each and every morning.
 2. A new and beautiful song early in the morning as the birds sing their songs of a new day.
 3. A new and beautiful day brings a new vigor and spring in ones step.
 4. A new and beautiful day brings a humbleness of one heart as they realize that our Great God is indeed providing this day for us to enjoy. *“This is the day which the LORD has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.”* – **Psalm 118:24**
- C. What does this mean for us today?
 1. A renewing of the mind knowing what the perfect will of God is – **Romans 12:2**
 2. It is God who saved us, *“...not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit”* – **Titus 3:5**
 3. Being born again, *“...to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,”* – **1 Peter 1:3**

4. Renewed at baptism, “*Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you--not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience--through the resurrection of Jesus Christ*” – **1 Peter 3:21**

Conclusion:

1. From the evidences, as shown in **Psalm 104**, we see that it is God who has formed, who gives and who renews His creation.
2. We can be truly thankful for our Great God who has richly blessed us with all of His riches.
3. We can be truly thankful that is He whom is in control of creation and He has not left it to any other.
4. We can be truly thankful of our regeneration. “*He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,*” – **Titus 3:5**
5. We can be truly thankful that He gave His Son to be the perfect sacrifice for our sins, to die on that cruel old cross, to be buried and to rise on the third day never to die again.
6. We can look forward to the day when we to, in our obedience to His gospel and remaining faithful to the end, can enjoy life eternal, never to die again. “*And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.*” – **1 John 5:11**
7. We can also say what the Psalmist said, “*O LORD, how many are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all; The earth is full of Your possessions.” – **Psalm 104:24***