

God Created Wonderful Things

Key Verse: “Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty.” —Psalm 104:1

Selected Scripture: Psalm 104

IN TODAY’S LESSON, WE

will see some of the wonderful things the God of the universe has created. The psalmist starts this lesson by reminding us of God’s greatness. In verse one, he states how God is clothed with ‘honour and majesty.’ Looking at these two words, honor and majesty, we find it hard for the psalmist to describe the God of the universe. In the Hebrew text there are

several meanings of the word honor: an imposing form, beauty, comeliness; and the word majesty is described as splendor or glory.

Just what is God’s form? No one has ever seen him except the Lord Jesus and the angels. Our Lord Jesus was with the Father “in the beginning.” (Prov. 8:22-30) We are also told, the angels in heaven “do always behold” his face. (Matt. 18:10) In Revelation 4, verses 2 and 3, the Heavenly Father is described like a “jasper and a sardine stone.” This majesty is beyond mere understanding. We do not know what God looks like, but know his glory and honor is mighty.

In verse 2 of Psalm 104, God is said to be covered with “light.” The Scriptures describe God as “light.”

“This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light.” (I John 1:5) The meaning is to shine, be luminous. In Psalm 104, the Hebrew word means glorious, or to shine. In our earth’s atmosphere, our sun is a great light giving forth life to all under its influence. The great Creator of the world shines to give forth life.

The heavens above the earth, we are told, are stretched out “like a curtain” (vs. 2), and there are billions of planets. From this verse, throughout the rest of Psalm 104, we are told of God’s creations—animate and inanimate. We are told that God established the earth on its sure foundation and it shall not be removed. (Eccles. 1:4) What a promise that God made the earth and all in it for man, his higher creation. The waters are sure and made to establish life, not death. No more shall there be a flood to destroy.—Gen. 9:11-13

It is our loving Heavenly Father who gives food for the cattle, and the green herb for man to grow his food. (Ps. 104:14) That which God creates shall make “glad the heart of man.” (vs. 15) The sun and the moon direct the seasons of the year. (vs. 19) Verses 20 through 23 tell us that there will be day and night, animals will be fed by God, and mankind will go forth “unto his work.” The earth is filled with God’s creations, everything God made.

Verse 29 goes back in time when God’s face was turned from man, and death came. Then comes the promise that God will send forth his Spirit, and the curse will be lifted. God shall renew “the face of the earth.”—vs. 30

The psalmist sums up his treatise saying, Let the glory of the LORD be forever, “the LORD shall rejoice in his works.” (vs. 31) Let us sing praises to the LORD, let our meditation be sweet to him, let us rejoice in the LORD. Our prayer is that all sinners shall fall from off the earth, and all transgressors. “Bless thou the LORD, O my soul.”—vs. 35 ■