

God Creates

Key Verse: “O LORD,
how manifold are
thy works! in
wisdom hast thou
made them all: the
earth is full of thy
riches.”
—Psalm 104:24

Selected Scripture:
Psalm 104:5-9, 24-30

ONE OF THE GREATEST evidences of the grandeur of God is seen in his physical creations. The psalmist earlier spoke of this power in these words: “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.”—Ps. 19:1,2

We cannot comprehend the power and wisdom necessary for such an awesome creation, and God impressed this point on Job in the 38th and 39th chapters, when he asked Job, “Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.” (Job 38:4) Clearly Job had no answer to this or the many other questions God asked him—nor do we.

In our Key Verse, we are told God’s wisdom is shown in the creation of the earth, saying “the earth is full of thy riches.” Verse 5 adds to this clear assurance of God’s love for his earthly creation when he states that the foundations of the earth should not be removed forever. This is in full agreement with the promise made in Ecclesiastes 1:4, which says, “One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever.” Contrary to the teachings of many religions, this is a wonderful assurance from God himself, who has promised that mankind will have a perfect

home for those included in the earthly phase of God's kingdom. This is the promised kingdom preached, when Jesus said in his model prayer, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."—Matt. 6:10

The prophet Micah described this earthly home by saying "They shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid." (Mic. 4:4) The prophet Isaiah also speaks of this earthly paradise in the 35th chapter with a beautiful description of the transformation of the earth as we know it today: "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing."—Isa. 35:1,2

Isaiah also tells us that this earthly home will be for the redeemed and ransomed of the Lord, made possible through the ransom provided on the cross by God's only begotten son, Jesus: "An highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there: And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."—vss. 8-10

This is the promised result of God's creation of the earth stated in our Key Verse: "the earth is full of thy riches." How marvelous to ponder the love, power, justice, and wisdom shown in the creation of an earthly home for the ransomed of mankind! His ways are truly higher than our ways, and his thoughts much higher than our thoughts (Isa. 55:9), but through his words and promises we are able to imagine with our limited abilities the majesty that will be the finished product of the creation of God. ■