

CREATION AND THE GLORY OF GOD

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for you created all things...”*

Revelation 4:11

We do not see the universe rightly unless we see creation as a reason to praise the living God. The world is not an accident, and human life is not meaningless. Scripture teaches that God made all things by his will, through his power, and for his glory.

The psalmist says, “Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!” Why? “For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm” (Psalm 33:8–9). Psalm 148 likewise calls the heavens, angels, sun, moon, stars, and all creation to praise the Lord because “he commanded and they were created” (Psalm 148:5). Creation exists because God spoke, and creation praises because God is worthy.

This does not mean God created the world because he lacked something. God was not lonely, needy, incomplete, or dependent on creation. Before the world existed, God was already eternally full, blessed, loving, and complete in himself. Creation was not necessary to make God glorious. Rather, creation displays the glory God already possesses. As Isaiah says, God formed and made his people “for my glory” (Isaiah 43:7). God’s glory is not increased by creation, but creation makes that glory known.

This means the universe is a theater of divine majesty. From the smallest living cell to the vastness of the heavens, creation declares the wisdom, power, goodness, and beauty of God. Psalm 147:4 says God “determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.” What overwhelms human imagination is perfectly known to God. The heavens are not divine, but they do bear witness to the divine Creator.

For everyday faith, the doctrine of creation teaches humility, gratitude, and worship. We are not self-made. We belong to the God who made us. That means our lives have purpose, our bodies matter, and our world should be received as a gift rather than treated as a possession. “Worthy are you, our Lord and God,” heaven declares, “to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things” (Revelation 4:11). Creation begins with God, and faithful living begins by giving him glory.

How should creation move us to worship?