

Title: Amazing Creation, Amazing Creator

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Key Truths:

- All revelation is God revealing Himself
- God made all. God owns all. God rules over all. The Maker is the Ruler of all.
- All things could not have been created out of nothing but instead were created intentionally by God.

Possible Discussion Questions:

- What point(s) in the sermon did the Lord most impress upon you?
 - What are examples of how we worship created things rather than the Creator?
 - What of creation or the sciences do you especially marvel of God?
 - What can you do this coming week to worship God with your life in light of what you have been hearing lately through His Word?
 - James 1:22 admonishes us to be “doers of the Word.” What next steps will you take in response to the truths you have been exposed to?
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EXPOSITION

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Revelation 4:11 (NLT)

““You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For you created all things, and they exist because you created what you pleased.””

Introduction

"What a Wonderful World" - Louis Armstrong

- Lyrics: "And I think to myself, what a wonderful world."
 - All of natural creation gives God glory.

Psalms 19:1

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

All revelation is God revealing Himself

- includes Special Revelation (the Word of God)
- Includes General Revelation (everything He made in creation/universe)

Hymns:

- "How Great Thou Art"
- "This is my Father's World."

God made all. God owns all. God rules over all.

- The Maker is the Ruler of all.

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Contrast:

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because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

- It is sin to fail to see through creation to the Creator.

Romans 1:20

For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

- We will all be judged for either our genuine recognition of the Creator or our failure to do so.

Mysteries of the created world point to God:

- Water: existence of surface tension
- Air

- Gravity and magnetism
- Human hand: complexity and ability of a hand
- Human foot: complexity of a single foot (more than a 100 muscles, 26 bones, 33 joints)
- Different parts of the human body
- Human psyche and cognition
- Human love

Proverbs 30:18-19

Three things are too wonderful for me; four I do not understand: the way of an eagle in the sky, the way of a serpent on a rock, the way of a ship on the high seas, and the way of a man with a virgin.

- no human explanation for the existence of love.
- Procreation (how the world perpetuates itself)
- Spiritual

Colossians 1:16-17

For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

- God created spirit (what is invisible)

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Revelation 21:1

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

- The Bible is the story of creation
 - It begins with creation and ends with a new creation.

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Context:

Revelation 4:9-10

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is

seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

- 24 elders = represent all of us.
- All come to God and worship Him as He so deserves.

Philippians 2:9-11

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Revelation 4

- Praise of God as Creator

Revelation 5

- Praise of God as Redeemer

Story of the Bible:

- Creation - Redemption = Creation
 - Satan subverts the truth (creation is created some other way other than by God, the true Creator).
- First Creation
 - While amazing and beautiful, it was still imperfect and subject to be marred by sin.
- Second Creation
 - A perfect and new, more amazing creation will be forthcoming.

Revelation 21:5

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

1 Corinthians 2:9

But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"—

APPLICATION (BOW)

I. Believe

- believe in the Creator.

- If the current creation is amazing, how much more amazing will the next one be?!

II. Obey

- respond to the wonder and marvel of God's creation.

II. Worship

- God is worthy of worship
 - Not only because of redemption but also because of creation.

Romans 12:1

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

1 Chronicles 29:11

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.

Additional Resource

Video: "God of Wonders" (2008)

https://youtu.be/6NIB_n8Y66o?si=xLDLkGgn1lWb4kJu