



Sermon Summary – June 2, 2024

Our Magnificent Creator!

Psalm 2

God's Glory in Creation

David begins his song by addressing God as LORD (Yahweh, the covenant keeping God) and Lord (Adonai, the sovereign God). The faithful loving God is also the sovereign God of the universe. Paul states in Romans 1:20, "For his invisible attributes, that is his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen since the creation of the world, being understood through what he has made." Psalm 19:1 says, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the expanse proclaims the work of his hands." God's name refers to His reputation or character which is literally, "set upon the heavens." So, in other words, although creation points to God, His glory and splendor exceeds that of the creation. No matter how much God's enemies try to deny God's splendor in creation, even the weakest in creation (babies) continue to show the majesty of the creator.

*Because God's glory is evident in creation, His existence is shown.
Because God is creator, He is worthy of our worship and obedience.*

Humanity's Place in Creation

God's Interest: When David looked at the vastness, beauty, design and intricacies of the universe he wondered why God would be interested in us.

Because we are not the center of the universe, we should live humbly before God and others.

Humanity's Derived Glory: God is interested because He created people to be different from the rest of creation. We are less than God (*or the word **God** could also be translated **angels**. The Hebrew word is **Elohim**, which is variously translated as, gods, heavenly beings[angels] or God depending on the context*), but made in His image. Thus, he bestows some of his glory and honor on us. (See Genesis 1: 26,27)

Because we are created in God's image, we have intrinsic worth and dignity and are different from the animals. Thus, human life in all stages from conception to natural death is sacred, and all people have rights that are given by God, not granted by a government.

Humanity's Derived Authority: God also gave humans the authority to rule over the earth. This authority was given to Adam and Eve before they sinned (Genesis 1:28-30) and was not taken away from them after the Fall. However, the creation was cursed (see Genesis 3 and Rom 8:18-22) and therefore, sinful people are ruling over a cursed creation which explains the state of the earth today. We are not always good rulers, and our "subjects" are not always "obedient."

Because we rule, we must be good stewards of the creation.