

Yahweh, Good and Great in Power

Nahum 1:3-7

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Statement of the Purpose of Man

"You and I have been created by God and for God to love God and to serve God."

Romans 9:18-21 (LSB)

¹⁸So then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires.

¹⁹You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For who resists His will?"

²⁰On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers back to God? Will the thing molded say to the molder, "Why did you make me like this"?

²¹Or does not the potter have authority over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use?

Elaborated Statement of the Purpose of Man

“From before all eternity you and I have been created in Christ and through Christ as an inheritance for Christ. You and I have been saved and purposed in Christ to magnify and display the glory of Christ through good works.”

- John 1:1-3
- Ephesians 1:3-6
- Ephesians 2:10
- Colossians 1:15-17
- Hebrews 1:2-3

Sermon Outline

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Days of Creation

Days	Realms	Rulers / Governors
1 & 4	Light	Stars, Moons
2 & 5	Expanse / Waters	Birds, Fish & Sea Creatures
3 & 6	Land and Vegetation	Land animals / Mankind

Genesis 1:3 (LSB)

³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

Genesis 1:16 (LSB)

¹⁶So God made the two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night, and also the stars.

I. The Greatness of God's Power Over the Elements

Romans 8:19–22 (LSB)

¹⁹For the anxious longing of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.

²⁰For the **creation was subjected to futility**, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope

²¹that the creation itself also will be set free from **its slavery to corruption** into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

²²For we know that **the whole creation groans and suffers** the pains of childbirth together until now.

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Isaiah 29:5 (LSB)

⁵But it will be that the multitude of your enemies will become like fine dust, And the multitude of the ruthless ones like the chaff which blows away; And it will happen instantly, suddenly.

Ezekiel 26:10 (LSB)

¹⁰“Because of the abundance of his horses, the fine dust raised by them will cover you; your walls will shake at the noise of horsemen and wagons and chariots when he enters your gates as men enter a city that is breached.

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Mark 4:41 (LSB)

⁴¹And they became very afraid and were saying to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?"

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II. The Greatness of God's Power Over the Nations

Daniel 2:21 (LSB)

²¹"And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and establishes kings; He gives wisdom to wise men And knowledge to men of understanding.

Isaiah 10:5 (LSB)

⁵Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger And the staff in whose hands is My indignation,

Habakkuk 1:5–6 (LSB)

⁵"See among the nations! And look! Be also astonished! Be astounded! Because I am doing something in your days— You would not believe if it was recounted to you.

⁶"For behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans, That bitter and hasty nation Who walks on the breadth of the land To possess dwelling places which are not theirs.

II. The Greatness of God's Power Over the Nations

Proverbs 21:1 (LSB)

¹The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of Yahweh; He turns it wherever He pleases.

Revelation 1:5 (LSB)

⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood—

Psalms 2:4–5 (LSB)

⁴He who sits in the heavens laughs, The Lord mocks them.

⁵Then He speaks to them in His anger And terrifies them in His fury, saying,

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Mark 2:5 (LSB)

⁵And Jesus seeing their faith said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven."

Mark 2:6-8 (LSB)

⁶But some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts,

⁷"Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming; who can forgive sins but God alone?"

⁸Immediately Jesus, aware in His spirit that they were reasoning that way within themselves, said to them, "Why are you reasoning about these things in your hearts?"

Mark 2:9-12 (LSB)

⁹“Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven’; or to say, ‘Get up, and pick up your mat and walk’?

¹⁰“But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—He said to the paralytic,

¹¹“I say to you, get up, pick up your mat, and go to your home.”

¹²And he got up and immediately picked up the mat and went out before everyone, so that they were all amazed and were glorifying God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this.”

Matthew 8:2-4 (LSB)

²And behold, a leper came to Him and was bowing down before Him, and said, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."

³And Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

⁴And Jesus said to him, "See that you tell no one; but go, show yourself to the priest and present the offering that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

George Mueller (1805-1898)

"My eye is not on the density of the fog; but on the living God who controls every circumstance of my life."

Psalm 2:10-12 (LSB)

¹⁰So now, O kings, show insight; Take warning, O judges of the earth.

¹¹Serve Yahweh with fear And rejoice with trembling.

¹²Kiss the Son, lest He become angry, and you perish in the way, For His wrath may soon be kindled. How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!