

Sermon Outline November 13, 2016

God's Wisdom Seen in Creation" Proverbs 3:19

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I. God's wisdom is seen in creation -

The LORD by wisdom founded the earth... (Proverbs 3:19 NKJ)

1. *Atheists, evolutionists, the ungodly would try hide God's Wisdom from us*

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, (Romans 1:18 NKJ)

- A. *They suppress the truth, probably without even realizing that is what they are doing –*

Our planet has been called the third rock from the Sun. However, "third rock" is a terribly ignorant misnomer, as the Earth is far more than a giant rock floating in the sky!

Of course evolutionists and atheists like the name 'third rock' as they think the earth is nothing special. It is just a rock in the sky. In our universe they believe there are many such rocks in the sky, all of which support life. The error is life comes by time and chance, upon any old rock and design is not needed! Carl Sagan said it like this – Pointing out the Earth was a pale blue dot, in a picture taken by the Voyager satellite, Sagan said -

"Look again at that dot. That's here. That's home. That's us. ...

The Earth is a very small stage in a vast cosmic arena. ...

Our posturings, our imagined self-importance, the delusion that we have some privileged position in the Universe, are challenged by this point of pale light. Our planet is a lonely speck in the great enveloping cosmic dark..."

Carl Sagan

- B. *What about that great enveloping dark, does it prove we are insignificant? NO!*

The temperature in outer space is MINUS 455 Fahrenheit, quite cool, fact is we could not live afloat on a rock in outer space!

We need the light and heat of the sun to survive, but not only do we need light and heat but we need the right amount and kind of light and heat and MORE, we could not live on just any planet.

This is one of the great lies of science FICTION -

Mercury is hot and cold. It spins slowly and the side facing the sun is heats up to 800 (F), hot enough to melt led, while the side away from the sun is cool –298 degrees (F).

Venus is farther from the sun but hotter than Mercury! Venus has an atmosphere 92 times thicker than earth's. Heat is trapped in the clouds and heats the entire planet to 931 degrees (F). This is a constant, day and night temperature. Some scientists say Venus' atmosphere is closest to that of Earth's; however 931 degrees is too HOT! If the Earth were just 5% closer to the Sun than it is we would have the same temperature as Venus.

Mars is similar to earth in many ways. A day on Mars is 24.7 hours. It is tilted 25 degrees, just two degrees more than earth. At its warmest, it can get up to 67 degrees (F). It has two small moons. But Mars is smaller than earth. The gravity on Mars is only a third of Earth's. Without enough gravity, Mars is unable to hold a larger atmosphere. What atmosphere it has is made of the gases we cannot breathe. Without much of an atmosphere, many meteoroids hit Mars. It also gets very cold at night. Though Mars is similar to earth in many ways, it is not similar enough! Intelligent life on Mars has been proven to be science fiction.

2. *How wonderfully created is the atmosphere of our earth? It demonstrates God's Wisdom*

Our atmosphere is divided into four distinct layers: Two are warm, two are cold!

- (1) *The troposphere is that part of the atmosphere closest to us. Its temperatures sustain life; the temperatures are typically colder near the earth's poles. The variety of climates on earth allow for a variety of creature habitats, Penguins near the south pole, Alligators in FL*
- (2) *The stratosphere is that part of our atmosphere immediately above the troposphere. Its lowest layer has a normal temperature of -85 f (cold) the upper stratosphere 37 f, a bit warmer. The stratosphere is the part of our atmosphere which contains the ozone layer which protects us from harmful solar rays.*
- (3) *The mesosphere is the coldest part of our atmospheres with temperatures reaching -135 f.*
- (4) *The thermosphere may have temperatures reaching 3600 f, hot! This protects us from small meteors which burn up.*

Our atmosphere allows us to see and allows sound to travel, not only voice to voice (which we take for granted) but radio waves and television waves are only possible because of the nature of our atmosphere. We do not live on a mere ROCK floating in space; rather our Earth is more like a life-sustaining Space Station! One that God created, radio, television and internet ready!

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Jupiter is the largest planet in our solar system. Jupiter is so situated in our Solar System it blocks large meteors that would otherwise hit our Earth.

Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years;"¹⁵ "and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so.¹⁶ Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also.¹⁷ God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth,¹⁸ and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that *it was good.* (Genesis 1:14-18 NKJ)

With the Sun we measure our days; the moon moves our tides and helps stabilize the Earth's tilt on its axis. God has given us light! However, not only light but the right light - The electromagnetic spectrum is the collective term for all possible frequencies of electromagnetic radiation. We have x-ray, ultraviolet, visible light, infrared, microwave and radio ... these different kinds of light in the wrong dosages would KILL!

Additionally the visible life-enabling light our Sun gives off is rare in the universe and is a very narrow part of the electromagnetic spectrum, the light we need is just 1/1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 of the light normal in our universe but it's the kind of light our sun produces and atmosphere allows through!

What are the factors needed for life on our planet?

- 1. We are in the right part of our galaxy*
- 2. We are in the right place in our solar system, close but not too close to our sun, protected by other larger planets*

- 3. We orbit the right type and size of star, giving off that right light*
- 4. We have the perfect nearly circular orbit around that star*
- 5. We have an oxygen rich, perfectly mixed atmosphere, this atmosphere not only allows for life but also vision and communication*
- 6. We have water, which is dependent on these other factors and is amazing in and of itself*
- 7. We have the right size, right mass, right kind of planet with tectonic plates and a molten core, it is not a mere rock; it is a life sustaining machine, better called Space Station Earth ...*
- 8. We have a perfect magnetic field, allowing the perfect level of gravity to keep our atmosphere at the right level, allowing for our not floating into space, or flattening like pancakes...*
- 9. We have the right sized moon that stabilizes our axis and moves our tides, our moon is needed for life, a smaller moon and we're dead!*
- 10. Even lightning fertilizes our soil & God shows Himself in these storms, even His wrath against sin **Job 37:3-5; Psalm 78:48-49***

II. God shows us His wisdom in creation because He would have us seek it in His Word –

Wisdom calls aloud outside; she raises her voice in the open squares. (Proverbs 1:20 NKJ)

Happy is the man *who* finds wisdom, and the man *who* gains understanding; (Proverbs 3:13 NKJ)

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do *His commandments*. His praise endures forever. (Psalm 111:10 NKJ)

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. (James 1:5-6 NKJ)

III. The Wisdom of Redemption – 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

... but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness,²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.²⁵ Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. (1 Corinthians 1:23-25 NKJ)

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