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JESUS AND CHURCH

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Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. ²The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel. ³He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. ⁴He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. ⁵Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure. —Psalm 147:1-5

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WELCOME: We are glad you are here! Be sure to grab a Welcome Packet if you are visiting with us.

Pray for **STEVE AND LAURIE MILLER** as they feel God's call to help reach and disciple some of the young people in Laurie's family at their church. They'll be with us till the end of March. We will miss them!

Introduction

Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809) was present at the Vienna Music Hall, where his oratorio **The Creation was being performed. Weakened by age, the great composer was confined to a wheelchair.** As the majestic work moved along, the audience was caught up with **tremendous emotion.** When the passage “**And there was light!**” was reached, the chorus and orchestra burst forth in such power that the crowd could no longer restrain its enthusiasm.

The vast **assembly rose in spontaneous applause. Haydn struggled to stand** and motioned for silence. **With his hand pointed toward heaven,** he said,

“No, no, not from me, but from God above comes all!”

Having given the glory and praise to the Creator, he fell back into his chair.¹ All the glory goes to God! We were created to worship and praise the Lord. We join with the eternal chorus of all the elect of all the ages.

Revelation 4:11 | Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

When we go way back to the early church, we find that we worship today very much like they worshiped then. Justin the Martyr speaks about the earliest worship of the church and what it was like. He was executed for his faith around A.D. 165. He has given the **oldest non-biblical description of Christian worship** we have. He wrote about the simplicity of early Christian worship.

On the day called Sunday, all who live in cities or in the country gather together to one place, and the memoirs of the apostles (the New Testament) or the writings of the prophets (the Old Testament) are read as long as time permits. Then, when the reader has ceased, the pastor verbally instructs, and exhorts us to imitate these good things written in the Scriptures.”² —Justin Martyr

To understand worship, though, we have to go back to the beginning, even before the beginning, and look at the heart of God. We are going to find that God creates the heavens and the earth for one purpose: **to make a place for man to worship him.**

Genesis 1:1-3 | In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.³ And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

WHY CREATE EARTH? FOR WORSHIP

But why? **Why did God create the heavens and the earth?**

Isaiah 43:7 | Everyone who is called by my name ... I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.

Psalms 100:2-3 | Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

¹ Vernon Whaley and Michael Neale. *The Way of Worship: A Guide to Living and Leading Authentic Worship* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Academic, 2020), 92.

² Markus Vinzent, *Christ's Resurrection in Early Christianity: The Making of the New Testament* (Farnham, UK: Ashgate, 2012), 208.

In Genesis 1, with God’s creation of the world, we are introduced to the origin of man’s worship of the living God and to the place God makes for us to worship him. **We see what creation of the earth all about: worship and service to God.**

We are going to see, in the first three days, God creates habitable places and on the next three days, he creates their inhabitants. Light and darkness is the habitation for the sun, moon, and stars. Sky and sea are the habitation for the birds and fish. Land is the habitation for land animals and human beings. But what’s it all about? **The earth is a place for eternal fellowship between God and man.** Ultimately, the earth is God’s temple, the place the infinite dwells with the finite. God creates a garden of Eden that carries the theme of God’s dwelling place throughout the Bible.

Look at the **beautiful order of God’s creation** as he establishes a place where we can worship him.

The Days of Creation	
Location	Inhabitants
1. Light and dark	4. Sun, moon, & stars
2. Sea and sky	5. Fish and birds
3. Fertile earth	6. Land animals and mankind
7. Rest and enjoyment	

In the creation, God places a garden called Eden for man to live in and flourish in his worship to God. Adam and Eve and their descendants were **to reflect the image of God** and flourish across the earth as they reflect him.

This temple garden has an intruder as we will see in chapter 3. He wants to ruin the fellowship that Adam and Eve have with God. Our great mediator creates a world in which he knows the intruder will come and take the human race captive. This is why one of Jesus’ names is the “the Lamb who was slaughtered before the world was made” (Rev 13:8, NLT). This place of habitation is a place of redemption. Jesus will one day be born here in the tiny town of Bethlehem and laid in a manger in a cave or a field, depending on where these cattle and sheep were. This is the place where Jesus will make his home to restore fellowship between God and man.

Let’s go through the days that Jesus institutes and we’re going to see that **they tell us about the worship** of our Lord Jesus Christ. We were made to worship.

Key thought: We were created to use our time, our breath, and our habitation to worship God. Let us be diligent to worship God with every moment, every word, and every place we are.

1. THE HABITATIONS FOR FELLOWSHIP (1:6-13)

The triune God (Father, Son, and Spirit) create light and darkness. This is the **eternal marker of when time began.**

TIME, ATMOSPHERE, & PLACE FOR WORSHIP

In the first three days, God creates the **time** for worship, the **atmosphere** for worship, and the **place** for worship. Upon the land, we learn that God puts a garden there, and it mirrors the holy of holies. The garden of Eden is not viewed merely as a piece of Mesopotamian farmland, but as an archetypal sanctuary, that is a place where God dwells and where man should worship him.

Many of the features of the garden may also be found in the tabernacle or Jerusalem temple. These parallels suggest that the garden itself should be understood as a garden temple—the place where man walks with God.³ God does not set up the cosmos merely so that people will have a comfortable place to live. He sets up the cosmos with earth to serve as his temple in which he and his people will find rest in the order and equilibrium that he has established.⁴

DAY 1: A TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP

Genesis 1:5 | God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

CREATION OF TIME

The Father. Our glorious God, including Jesus (Jn 1:1-3) launches the universe and says, “Let there be light, and there was light” (1:1). By creating light, **he creates time, a 24-hour cycle of seven days that make up a week.** God give a name to the light and darkness and calls them Day and Night. Jesus is the sovereign of time and **the light of the world** since there are no sun or moon or luminaries. Jesus creates time so that we could enjoy time in his presence.

MY DAY MUST BEGIN WITH LIGHT

The Son. We see that the world begins with light of Christ, and so **my day must begin with the light of Christ as well.** Every day must begin with the light—the light of God, the light of his truth, the light his Spirit that shines forth from our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus speaks time into existence. Time is important, because one day **he’s going to enter into time.** And “**at the right time Christ died** for the ungodly” (Rom 5:6).

THE SPIRIT ENTHRONING GOD ON EARTH

The Spirit. As we saw in Genesis 1:2, the Spirit hovers over the chaos and brings order, not just for man, but preeminently **prepares a place for God’s enthronement and glory.** Now **God brings time** (through Night and Day) into the picture. Now that time exists, it is just a matter of time for man to arrive and learn to worship and adore the Creator.

DAY 2: AN ATMOSPHERE FOR FELLOWSHIP

As we look at the heavens and the seas that Jesus separates on Day 2, we become aware that we are forgetful creatures, in need of a reminder that we need God’s fellowship. God separates the water in the oceans from the water in the heavens and **creates the atmosphere—the air we breathe.** Day 2 reminds us to breathe God’s air, look up and praise him!

Genesis 1:6-8 | And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.”⁷ And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so.⁸ And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

The heavens declare the glory of God, to remind us of his expanse and infinity. These heavens reflect God’s glory. They reflect the glory we should behold continually in fellowship with God. Look at how **God creates a place for birds to fly in the sky, and calms the place for fish**

³ J. H. Walton, “Creation,” in T. D. Alexander and D. W. Baker (eds.), *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Pentateuch* (Downers Grove: IVP; Leicester: IVP, 2003), 161.

⁴ Gordon J. Wenham, “Sanctuary Symbolism in the Garden of Eden Story,” *Proceedings of the World Congress of Jewish Studies* 9 (1986), 19.

to swim in the sea. This natural habitat is to be a constant reminder of our need to fellowship with the God who made them.

God creates the **atmospheric expanse between sky and sea.** He creates the **canopy dome with layers of gases over the earth,** allowing man to breath air, and allowing dew to nurture the plants and vegetation that God will create. Earth's atmosphere protects life on earth by **shielding it from incoming ultraviolet radiation,** keeping the planet warm through insulation, and preventing extremes between day and night temperatures. Later water will fall from the sky. **God makes an atmosphere that will be hospitable to man.** The glories of the sky are put in place, to remind man to glorify God.

God creates atmosphere because we need air to breath. Why do we breath? The Psalmist tells us.

Psalm 150:6 | Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

DAY 3: A LOCATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

God now brings the land masses out of the water.

Genesis 1:11-13 | And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

What a beautiful thing God does. **He brings the land masses and vegetation for the comfort and nourishment of man and the animals.** This is the place of God's **dwelling place** with man. This is a habitation for worship, not only in Eden but throughout the whole earth. The opening chapter of Genesis enable us to see God's blueprint for the earth.

God intends that the world should become **his dwelling place with man forever.** Remarkably, this blueprint is eventually brought to completion through the New Jerusalem envisaged in Revelation 21 and 22, when heaven and earth become one again.⁵ After the ordering of the land masses and fruitful vegetation, time is marked as we mark it today—the evening and morning are the third day.

LIKE CREATION, WE ARE TO BE FRUITFUL

We learn on day three that **everything is to be fruitful.** God made it, so it is **bountiful in fruitfulness.** Our Lord also reminds us in John 15 we glorify our Father when we bear much fruit and so we prove we are disciples.

John 15:5 | I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Thus far we have **three habitations:** the **light and darkness,** the **sea and sky,** the **fruitful earth.** We hold our breath with anticipation. How will God fill it?

A LESSON FOR THE END OF THE DAY

"There was evening and there was morning, the third day" (1:13). There's a lesson there for the end of our day isn't there? **After each day, God reviews his work,** and he declares it good. As God reviews his day, so **we should also review our work at the end of the day.** We

⁵ T. Desmond Alexander, *From Eden to the New Jerusalem: An Introduction to Biblical Theology* (Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Academic, 2009), 26.

should see that there are probably **many things not good**, so that forces us turn to Christ. Our need for Christ, the one who has done all good. **Everything is good because of Jesus in your life**. He has done all things well! To him be all the glory!

Sir Isaac Newton likewise found our solar system beautiful, but he took that insight to its logical conclusion.

This most beautiful system of the sun, planets, and comets could only proceed from the counsel and dominion of an intelligent and powerful Being.⁶—Sir Isaac Newton

2. HE PARTICIPANTS FOR WORSHIP (1:14-25)

Now that God has created the place for his worship, he **fills it with the plants and animals and creatures to bring him glory**. In the final stroke of his handiwork, he places man in the temple garden, the place of worship. But God knows Adam will fall into sin in his temple garden and destroy God's good plans, but not for long. Christ creates this beautiful place of worship, knowing he will have to **one day be incarnated to die on the earth** which **he created**, to bring man back to himself.

1 Corinthians 15:22 | For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

DAY 4: THE GLORY OF THE LUMINARIES

Jesus places the earth in such a specific place in the Milky Way so we can see the sun, moon, and stars. In every other part of our galaxy, the view is so cloudy with dust, gases, and asteroids that nothing can be seen. It is clear that God gives man a view of his extraordinary handiwork so that when he sees the intricate cosmologic design, he will worship the Designer.

Genesis 1:14-19 | And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years,¹⁵ and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so.¹⁶ And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars.¹⁷ And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth,¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

The **sun, moon, and stars are placed particularly in the view of planet earth for man to glorify God**. If earth were anywhere else in the Milky Way, our view would be obscured. But the Lord wanted us to see his handiwork.

Psalms 19:1 | The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Psalms 145:10 | All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!

⁶ R. Kent Hughes, *Genesis: Beginning and Blessing*, Preaching the Word (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 2004), 33.

Psalm 147:4-5 | He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. ⁵ Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

God fills the light and darkness with the luminary bodies so that times and seasons could be observed. By them special attention would be paid for feast days, weeks, and years (1:14). This also draws attention to man's role as a priest with God. God later prescribes his worship according to days and times and seasons.

JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF CREATION

Jesus, as the light of the world, precedes the sun and the moon, which reminds us that **light does not first and foremost emanate from creation**. It emanates from God. God is the light. But **God uses instruments** to shine forth and reflect the light just as moon reflects the light of the sun. In this sense, every Christian is to reflect Jesus Christ in their heart and life and be **a light in this world**.

GOD'S CHIEF END: HIS OWN GLORY

The triune God is the light, and **we are his image bearers**, his **reflectors** if you will. **God's chief end is to glorify himself**. Our responsibility is the same as his. God shines forth, and we are to reflect his glory. We are to glorify God, and shout with all the saints.

Revelation 4:11 | Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

This is our **highest calling**. Embrace it today and every day.

MIX OF LIGHT AND DARKNESS

Our experiences in this world will be a mixture of darkness and light until we are brought into that place where there's no need of the sun or the moon and the glory of God **lightens it and the Lamb as the light thereof**.

Revelation 21:3 | The city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

Our spiritual, physical, relational, financial experience is a mixture of light and darkness. And so it will be until we leave this scene of time, and **God wipes away all tears** from our eyes (Rev 21:4).

Again, the **evening and the morning marker** of another normal human day is recorded (1:19). God considered his work and saw that it was good and a blessing to mankind to have these glorious luminaries in the sky which reflect the glory of God.

GREATER AND LESSER LIGHTS

Here are greater lights and there are lesser lights. I don't know what **situation of life you're in**, but if your **father** or a **mother**, you are in the context of the home, and **you are a greater light**. You are responsible to shine the light of Jesus to the lesser lights you are surrounded by—your dear children. **Shine the light of Jesus brightly**. You **lesser lights (children) you are also to shine**. Look to the greater lights that God has put in your life and **reflect the person of Jesus** as you see him in them.

DAY 5: THE GLORY OF THE CREATURES OF SEA AND SKY

God had already created the great expanses of the sky and the unknown depths of the sea, and **now he fills them** on the fifth day of creation with birds and fish and sea creatures. God spoke again and the seas swarmed with life and the sky was filled with birds and flying creatures. This passage declares that **life came into being by the direct command of God, not by some evolutionary process.**⁷

Genesis 1:20-23 | And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.”²¹ So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.²² And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

The seas were filled with fish and the skies were filled with fowl—an interesting combination. Fish and fowl have much in common. Both have streamlined forms to enable them to move swiftly through their native habitats, both are covered with shinglelike layers of protective fins or feathers, both have hollow, light bones, both lay eggs, and both have migratory instincts.⁸

GOD FILLS SPACES

On each day, God fills the spaces. On day 4, he fills light and darkness with the sun, moon, and stars. Day 5 is the fish of the sea and the fowl of the air. On day 6, God fills the land of the earth with man and animals.

The **greatest space that needs to be filled is the human heart**. “He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, **he has put eternity into man’s heart**” (Ecc 3:11). There is in the soul of man a longing and an eternal desire that only God can meet. To defeat sin, you need Christ to fill you and crowd out your sinful desires. Stop filling the space of your heart with sin. Be cleansed. **Christ will fill you if you ask him.**

DAY 6: THE GLORY OF ANIMALS AND FELLOWSHIP OF MAN

The Triune God begins the first day by creating the land animals according to their kinds. This tells us that God did not use the modern idea of evolution for his creation. Since **he created all the animals according to their kind**, there was no need for the modern idea of evolution.

The Creation of Animals

Genesis 1:24-25 | And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so.²⁵ And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Animals are beastly, without conscience, functioning solely on raw animalistic instinct. Man, is distinct, made with the glorious ability to reason, make ethical decision, and choose to honor and worship the living God or choose to forsake him. Animals have no such choice because

⁷ Allen P. Ross, *Creation and Blessing: A Guide to the Study and Exposition of Genesis* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 1998), 111.

⁸ John Phillips, *Exploring Genesis: An Expository Commentary*, The John Phillips Commentary Series (Kregel Publications; WORDsearch Corp., 2009), Ge 1:20–25.

they are not made in the image of God. Despite their lesser place in God’s creation, they fulfill an important purpose, which God says is good. Animals, as all things in all creation, serve God, day and night. Though they too are under the curse that came because of sin, they give glory to God.

In Psalm 148, the psalmist calls on everything, including animals, to praise the Lord. He includes various creatures of land and sea and air, such as **sea creatures** of all kinds, animals of all kinds, all birds, and even creeping things like **rodents** and **lizards** to praise him (Psa 148:7, 10). The final verse of the final psalm of the entire psalter reads: “Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!” (Psa 150:6).

Even though animals can’t speak with words, they still bring glory and praise to God. Even the pig looks up every so often and snorts to heaven!

The Creation of Man

After creating everything in the universe and on earth, the Lord finishes his glorious creation by forming man. The earth was created as a place for man to hold **the distinct honor of worshipping God as an image bearer**, so there is a separation on the sixth day between the animals and mankind. The Spirit of God brought order from chaos and **prepared the earth as a glorious temple**—a place of fellowship for God and man.⁹ Now man comes into existence out of nothing, not in some evolutionary process, but by the direct act of the sovereign, gracious, omnipotent, covenant keeping God.

Genesis 1:26-31 | Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”²⁷ So God created man in his own image in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”
²⁹ And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Man’s image. God creates man in his image. The earth is created, the time and atmosphere are prepared, and now God creates man in his image, so that he might enjoy the divine fellowship of the holy Trinity. **God created humans to be imaging beings who reflect his glory.**¹⁰

GARDEN TEMPLE: EXAMPLE FOR TABERNACLE

Since the **garden of Eden is a place where divinity and humanity enjoy each other’s presence**, it is appropriate that it should be a prototype for later Israelite sanctuaries.¹¹

Man’s dominion. Animals serve the purposes of God and man. We know that God gave animals to us for a purpose, because in the days of Noah, before the great flood, God preserved

⁹ Meredith G. Kline, *Images of the Spirit* (Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock Publishers, 1999), 17–18.

¹⁰ G. K. Beale, *We Become What We Worship: A Biblical Theology of Idolatry* (IVP Academic, 2009) 107.

¹¹ T. Desmond Alexander, *From Eden to the New Jerusalem: An Introduction to Biblical Theology* (Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Academic, 2009), 25.

every kind of animal on the ark so they would inhabit the land again. Animals are among God's many diverse gifts to man

ANIMALS WILL ONE DAY NO LONGR BE BEASTLY

Animals because of the fall fight and devour one another. Scripture speaks of the day that the wolf will live with the lamb (Isa 11:6; 65:25). In that day, death and evil will be destroyed, perfect peace will reign, and **everything that has breath, including animals, will praise him** (Psa 150:6).

MAN'S GENDER

Man's gender. **God creates the human race with two genders only: male and female.** The Bible speaks in common sense terms. There are only male and female. You don't need more than two pronouns. Him and her. **Boy are boys and girls are girls.**

Only females can bear children. What used to be common sense is now rare. People are confused today about gender because they have rebelled against God and departed from his love and care and guidance. But a girl is still a girl, and a boy is still a boy. Our bodies are different, as we see from the creation mandate to be fruitful and multiply.

MAN'S WORSHIP

Man's worship. God has a **personal relationship with man.** The LORD God walks in Eden as he later does in the tabernacle (Gen 3:8; cf Lev 26:12; Deut 23:15; 2 Sam 7:6–7).¹² Ezekiel speaks of Eden as a place of worship, “the garden of God” and as “the holy mountain of God” (Eze 28:13–16).

MAN'S BLESSING

Man's blessing. “And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day” (1:

All creation is blessed, but man is blessed above all (Psa 8:3-9). When God created living things, he blessed all creation and put man over all living creatures to have dominion over them. He “blessed them” (1:28). The Hebrew word *blessed* (*barak*) means that God, by blessing something, establishes a relationship between himself and the person or thing blessed. This is the heart of a blessing: a relationship is created by God's sovereign grace. The relationship may bring such results as prosperity, fertility, advancement, and power, but its essential aspect is that God establishes a relationship with the person or thing blessed. It becomes set apart and holy to him. God's blessing *establishes* the relationship; when man praises or blesses God, he *celebrates* the relationship.¹³ Dear saints, we are called to not only worship God, but celebrate our worship of him and bless him.

Conclusion

Jesus is the Lamb slaughtered from the foundation of the world. We haven't gotten to that part of the story, but God creates the earth knowing his one and only Son will come as a baby to earth, born to die for rebel sinners. God doesn't need your worship, but he desires it.

Do you see this earth and everything in it was created for you and God to inhabit a place for your fellowship with God and your worship of him?

In a National Geographic piece, writer James Owen details an investigation that explored the **short-term memory** of many popular animals and insects. “Covering **25 species that ranged from dolphins to bees**, the study found the average short-term memory span of animals was

¹² J. M. Lundquist, ‘The Common Temple Ideology of the Ancient Near East’, in T. G. Madsen (ed.), *Temple in Antiquity: Ancient Records and Modern Perspectives*, The Religious Studies Monograph Series 9 (Provo, Utah: Religious Studies Center, Brigham Young University, 1984), 59–60.

¹³ Rousas John Rushdoony, *Commentaries on the Pentateuch: Genesis* (Vallecito, CA: Ross House Books, 2002), 9.

27 seconds (which was the midway point before the memory is lost), according to a team led by Johan Lind, an ethologist at the Centre for the Study of Cultural Evolution at Stockholm University, Sweden...**Dogs are smarter and forget an event within two minutes. Chimpanzees, at around 20 seconds**, are worse than rats at remembering things, while the memory spans of three other primates—baboons, pig-tailed macaques, and squirrel monkeys—exceeded only bees (the sole study participant that wasn't either a mammal or a bird).¹⁴ It seems we humans also have a problem with memory, too. **We forget God so easily**. Creation proclaims God's glory, and so should we!

God places us in his garden sanctuary to **behold and admire his glories and worship** him for the highest level of happiness. Everything around you reflects him **so you won't forget**. Worship him! He is worthy!

Benediction

Revelation 4:11 - Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

¹⁴ James Owens, "Many Animals—including Your Dog—May Have Horrible Short-Term Memories," *National Geographic*, February 26, 2015.