

Worship The Creator

The Beginning

¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴God saw that the light was good, and **he separated the light from the darkness.**

⁵God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—**the first day.**

⁶And God said, “Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water.” ⁷So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. ⁸God called the vault “sky.” And there was evening, and there was morning—**the second day.**

⁹And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” And God saw that it was good.

¹¹Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. ¹²The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening, and there was morning—**the third day.**

¹⁴And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the

night. He also made the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, ¹⁸ to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening, and there was morning—**the fourth day.**

²⁰ And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” ²¹ So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them and said, “**Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.**” ²³ And there was evening, and there was morning—**the fifth day.**

²⁴ And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, **in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.**

²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

²⁹ Then God said, “**I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They**

will be yours for food. ³⁰ And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the **sixth day**.

Genesis 2 - ²Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. ² By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. ³ Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

Our senses are directly connected to Worship – Our Sight; What Hear, What we Taste, What we Smell and what we Feel.

We Worship GOD When we SEE and acknowledge His Creation

Genesis 2:19 - Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.

Genesis 9:16 - Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.”

Genesis 13:15 - All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever.

Matthew 6:28 - “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin.

Deuteronomy 4:19 - And when you look up to the sky and see the sun, the moon and the stars—all the heavenly array—do not be enticed into bowing down to them and worshiping things the Lord your God has apportioned to all the nations under heaven.

Exodus 34:10 - Then the Lord said: “I am making a covenant with you. Before all your people I will do wonders never before done in any nation in all the world. The people you live among will see how awesome is the work that I, the Lord, will do for you.

The Lord see’s us, Hears us and like us He feels

Exodus 3:7 - The Lord said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering.

Numbers 23:9 - From the rocky peaks I see them, from the heights I view them. I see a people who live apart and do not consider themselves one of the nations.

Psalms 14:2 - The Lord looks down from heaven on all mankind to **see if there are any** who understand, any who seek God.

We see Him

Matthew 2:2 - and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and **have come to worship him.**”

Psalms 11:7 - For the Lord is righteous, he loves justice; the upright will see his face.

Psalm 40:3 - He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him.

Psalm 97:6 - The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all peoples see his glory.

Isaiah 33:17 - Your eyes will see the king in his beauty and view a land that stretches afar.

Matthew 5:8 - Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Isaiah 52:10 - The Lord will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

Joshua 22:27 - On the contrary, it is to be a witness between us and you and the generations that follow, that we will worship the Lord at his sanctuary with our burnt offerings, sacrifices and fellowship offerings. Then in the future your descendants will not be able to say to ours, ‘You have no share in the Lord.’

The Bible teaches that it’s good to give thanks and Worship God.

2 Chronicles 7:3 - When all the Israelites saw the fire coming down and the glory of the Lord above the temple, they knelt on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they worshiped and gave thanks to the Lord, saying, “He is good; his love endures forever.”

How is giving thanks compared to worship? How do we go about this that? Let’s look at what the scripture says.

Psalm 92:1-5 – ¹ It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High, ² proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night, ³ to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.

⁴ For you make me glad by your deeds, LORD; I sing for joy at what your hands have done.

⁵ How great are your works, LORD, how profound your thoughts!

Leviticus 22:29 ²⁹ “When you sacrifice a thank offering to the LORD, sacrifice it in such a way that it will be accepted on your behalf.

1 Chronicles 23:30 ³⁰ They were also to stand every morning to thank and praise the LORD. They were to do the same in the evening

Other Scripture references to thanking the Lord:

Psalm 50:23 ²³ Those who sacrifice thank offerings honor me, and to the blameless I will show my salvation.”

Psalm 105:1-2 Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. ² Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

Psalm 107:1-2 ¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. ² Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story— those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,

Why does God say it’s good to give thanks?

- It honors Him.
- It refocuses our attention.
- It releases us from anxiety **Phil. 4:6-7** ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- It refreshes our relationship with Him.
- It reinforces our faith.

How do we Worship and express our thanksgiving to God?

- By simply saying “Thank you,” To Him
- By singing to Him and about Him
- By living a godly life.
- By praising Him in public.
- By giving generously.

Nehemiah 9:6 - You alone are the Lord. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you.

Use **Psalm 135** to learn more about praising our awesome God.

Psalm 135

In Hebrew, *Halleluiah* means "Praise the Lord."

¹ Praise the Lord.

Praise the name of the Lord;

praise him, you servants of the Lord,

² you who minister in the house of the Lord,
in the courts of the house of our God.

³ Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good;

sing praise to his name, for that is pleasant.

⁴ For the Lord has chosen Jacob to be his own,
Israel to be his treasured possession.

⁵ I know that the Lord is great,

that our Lord is greater than all gods.

- ⁶The Lord does whatever pleases him,
in the heavens and on the earth,
in the seas and all their depths.**
- ⁷He makes clouds rise from the ends of the earth;
he sends lightning with the rain
and brings out the wind from his storehouses.**
- ⁸He struck down the firstborn of Egypt,
the firstborn of people and animals.
- ⁹He sent his signs and wonders into your midst, Egypt,
against Pharaoh and all his servants.**
- ¹⁰He struck down many nations
and killed mighty kings—
- ¹¹Sihon king of the Amorites,
Og king of Bashan,
and all the kings of Canaan—
- ¹²and he gave their land as an inheritance,
an inheritance to his people Israel.
- ¹³Your name, Lord, endures forever,
your renown, Lord, through all generations.
- ¹⁴For the Lord will vindicate his people
and have compassion on his servants.**
- ¹⁵The idols of the nations are silver and gold,
made by human hands.
- ¹⁶They have mouths, but cannot speak,
eyes, but cannot see.
- ¹⁷They have ears, but cannot hear,
nor is there breath in their mouths.
- ¹⁸Those who make them will be like them,
and so will all who trust in them.

¹⁹ All you Israelites, praise the Lord;
 house of Aaron, praise the Lord;
²⁰ house of Levi, praise the Lord;
you who fear him, praise the Lord.
²¹ Praise be to the Lord from Zion,
 to him who dwells in Jerusalem.

Praise the Lord.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised. — **Psalm 48:1**

John 4:21-26

²¹ “Woman,” **Jesus replied**, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

²⁵ The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

²⁶ Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

We can learn something about praise from this scripture.

In order to **rejoice at the truth**, we must be prepared to receive it.

How do we prepare ourselves? There are three ways to do this.

First, we must know the truth.

Second, we must have the right spirit.

Finally, we must rid ourselves of fear.