

Delightful Discoveries in Prayer

Prayer Lessons in Creation

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Lesson 03: A New Kind of Prayer

We have learned that God can frame things by the breath of His mouth! He can bring them into existence by merely speaking them!

For example, Notice God's promise of guidance: "I will guide thee with mine eye." Psalm 32:8. Also Christ's promise that the Holy Spirit "will guide you into all truth." John 16:13. What a comfort to know that we can ask God believingly, and thank Him that the gift promised is in the promise itself.

Let look at twelve Bible facts:

1. The Scriptures of the Old Testament tell of Jesus: "they . . . testify of me." John 5:39.
 2. Moses wrote of Christ: "he wrote of me." John 5:46.
 3. The Spirit of the Old Testament is the Spirit of Christ: "the Spirit of Christ . . . was in them." 1 Peter 1:11." The Spirit of the Old Testament is the Spirit of Christ, because Christ is in the Old Testament Scriptures.
 4. The Old Testament writers ministered the gospel to us in these days: "unto us they did minister." 1 Peter 1:12.
 5. This gospel is concerning Jesus Christ our Lord. "Paul, . . . separated unto the gospel of God . . . Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. . ." Romans 1:1-3.
 6. Moses started with creation "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Genesis 1:1.
 7. The gospel contains this same creative power: "it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Romans 1:16.
 8. This same power is keeping power: "who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation." 1 Peter 1:5.
 9. This gospel power is clearly seen in creation—God's "eternal power and Godhead" "are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made." Romans 1:20.
 10. The Psalmist, also, states: "The heavens declare the glory of God." Psalm 19:1.
 11. The Apostle Paul refers to Isaiah 52:7 in connection with Romans 10:13-18, and terms it "the gospel of peace." Isaiah 52:7 "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace;"
- Romans 10:15 "And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"

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12. Paul quotes Psalm 19:4 word for word in Romans 10:18, with one exception. Where the Psalmist uses the word "line", Paul uses the word "sound". Recent astronomical discoveries have proven that certain stars do produce sound waves like radio. In fact, they are called "radio stars". Therefore, the heavens preach the gospel.

Psalm 19:4 "Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world."

Romans 10:18 "But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world."

Now here are six more facts:

ONE

Genesis 1:1 is a brief summation of the whole truth of the gospel, as developed in succeeding Scriptures. It says, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

TWO

Christ is God. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." John 1:1 and 14.

THREE

Christ is Creator: "all things were created by him," and "by him all things consist." Colossians 1:16 and 17.

FOUR

Creative power is the distinctive proof of divinity.

Jeremiah states: "But the Lord is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation. Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens."

This says, in effect, that no one has any right to the title of God unless that one has made the heavens and the earth. It declares that this is the very basis of divinity. Then the next sentence of Scripture states why our God does have the right to be worshiped:

"He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion." Jeremiah 10:10 to 12.

But since Paul declares, as just stated in point three, that Christ is Creator, Christ's divinity is a fact. Only as we worship Christ as Creator, do we acknowledge His divinity.

FIVE

It is because Christ is our Creator that He is our Redeemer. Paul writes: "we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:" because "all things were created by him." Colossians 1:14-16. If Christ were not Creator, He could not be Redeemer.

SIX

Redemption is creation, they are both the same. This is clear from the Scripture just quoted. This is why David could cry out: "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." Psalm 51:10.

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The new heart comes by creation. Again the Apostle Paul writes: "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature [or a new creation]." 2 Corinthians 5:17. Here is another text which tells us the same thing: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works." Ephesians 2:8 to 10.

"Every promise in God's word is ours. 'By every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God' are we to live." The Desire of Ages, page 98.

"My Maker and my King,
To Thee my all I owe;
Thy sovereign bounty is the spring
Whence all my blessings flow."

Review Questions

Kindly place in blank spaces below the proper Scriptural words.

1. Jesus declared the Old Testament Scriptures "testify of _____" John 5:39.
2. Christ said Moses "wrote of _____." John 5:46.
3. "The Spirit of _____" is in the Old Testament Scriptures. 1 Peter 1:11.
4. The Old Testament writers ministered unto " _____ " 1 Peter 1:12.
5. The Bible says of Jesus Christ, that all things were " _____ "by him." Col. 1:16, 17.
6. Because of this fact, we have " _____ through His blood, even the _____ of sins." Col. 1:14.
7. The Lord is the " _____ " God since He made the earth by His " _____ ." Jer. 10:10-12.
8. Any one who professes to be god, but who has not made the heavens and the earth, "shall _____ from the earth." Jer. 10:11.

Answers found on answer sheet.