

God Created All Things Wisely

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“O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches” (Psalm 104:24—KJV).

“O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures” (Psalm 104:24—NRSV).

The greatness of God’s creation and the incalculable number and variety of the creatures and things God has made lead the discerning mind to praise God. The psalmist praises God for the sea and the sea creatures that enjoy the ocean’s breadth and depth. He praises God for the sea lanes that ships use for discovery and trade. God created the mountains, the valleys, and the boundaries for the oceans, so the entire earth will never be flooded again and the living land creatures will have air to breathe and space to live and move and have their being. Every living creature, whether small or large, receives their food from God. Those who know God praise God for filling their lives with good things, and they trust in God, Who gives them abundant life on earth until He comes to take them to their heavenly home.

All of creation reveals the wisdom of God. God, Who created all things out of nothing by the power of His Word, reveals His ability to create with infinite detail the smallest and largest things in heaven and earth. In His wisdom, God does not create the impossible or the impractical. Though all things are possible for God, God wisely does not do everything He could do. God does not create or do all that He could because God is loving, just, and merciful, and God will never do anything inconsistent with Who He is as the Almighty Holy God. For these reasons and more, believers will never cease to praise God for all He has done, does, and will do throughout eternity.

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Thinking Further

1. Why do believers need to praise God as the Creator of all things and people?
2. Name one or more acts of Jesus during His public ministry on earth that show He is powerful over creation.
3. Describe some ways that God brought order into His creation instead of disorder.
4. Name one or two of God’s creations that demonstrate God’s wisdom.
5. Give an example of where the psalmist implies that God enjoyed creating and enjoys His creation.