



International Bible Lesson

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God's Wonderful Wisdom and Works!

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Psalms 104:1-4 & 24-30

“How many are your works, LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures” (Psalms 104:24).

Within the past few years, amazing pictures of planets and stars from space telescopes have been sent back to earth. These results continually increase our knowledge of the works of God – far more than anyone can count. Recently, scientists have speculated that on a planet named HAT-P-7b, which is 1000 lightyears away, it rains rubies and sapphires. The works of God in the universe are more complicated and surprising than science fiction, and the reasonableness and orderliness of the works of God demonstrate the wisdom of God. God's absolute exactness in His creation makes mathematical calculations possible for scientists to send telescopes to distant solar systems, receive back pictures, calculate distances, and make precision maneuvers of rockets and orbiters. Our world is so full of God's creatures that among the many new creatures and species found in 2016 alone are new cave beetle varieties, a new glow-in-the-dark fish, and a new spider named Márquez. Because of God's manifold works and wisdom the psalmist tells us repeatedly to praise the Lord. When the psalmist considered God's many abilities and attributes in the light of the kings, rulers, and others who band together against the Lord, he wrote, “The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them” (Psalms 2:4; see also, Psalms 14:1). The psalmist has also told us how all of God's creatures are created, and how many of them can live in locations on earth unsuitable for humans without special equipment. He even dealt with the worrisome threats to our environment: “When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground” (Psalms 104:30).

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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.

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