

Bible Study 1 – The gift of creation – Psalm 104

There are two creation stories. The Bible tells the Christian creation story – at the beginning of time, God designed & created the laws of nature & the complexity of life. And the General Theory of Evolution is the atheists' creation story. As with the Bible, it begins with creatio ex nihilo (creation from nothing)—and in the atheists' view there really was nothing (and certainly no God) to act as first cause. The big bang, they say, produced the universe all by itself. Then, billions of years later we're told, the first life formed spontaneously in some chemical soup and, without any help, evolved into all the plants and animals found on Earth today—including us.

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| The context | Psalm 104 begins and ends with “Praise the Lord, my soul”. And the reason given for praising God is because He is a great Creator and Sustainer of everything. God’s work is described in three time periods: the creation of the universe, which is described in Genesis 1-2 (v.2-5); the re-creation of the earth that occurred during the global flood that Noah endured (v.6-9); and the time since the flood (v.10-32). In Psalm 104 the psalmist praises God as the ruler of the world who sustains all life. |
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PART 1 Read & write each section in your own words – Psalm 104

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| Reflects God’s majesty (v.1-5) | |
| Provides sustenance (v.13-15) | |
| Depends on God (v.24, 27 -30) | |
| Inspires us to worship God (v.31-35) | |

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. What does it teach about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit?

2. What does it teach about people?

3. Summarize a key verse in your own words.

4. In your opinion, what is the main point being taught in these passages?

5. Which other parts of the passages caught your attention?

6. Why should I enjoy and appreciate God’s creation?

7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?

Let’s praise God as the Creator and Sustainer of all life



Obey

Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God?
What must I do to obey?

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| I will |
| I will |
| I will |

Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a *SIN* for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a *COMMANDMENT* or *MODEL* for me to follow?

Share

| Who will I tell about this Bible passage? |
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Prayer

Date:

One thing you are thankful for.

One thing that's bothering you or causing stress.

Is there anything this group can do to help you?

| Person | Prayer points |
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Who needs help? What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

| Person | How will I help them? |
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