**Remember Your Creator! – Gen. 1:4**

*God saw that it was good –* 1:4,10,12.18,21, 25

God in His goodness created all things good!

**Focal Truth: Creation reveals the beauty of Almighty God’s goodness**

* God created all things beautiful! God made humans to recognize beauty!
* The beauty of all creation reveals the beauty of God’s beauty!

**Observations**

**Creation reveals the beauty of Almighty God’s good grace**

1. God saw that creation was good revealing His grace & provision
2. God blessed the living things He created

**Blessed = to grace with life & to provide – 1st use of blessed in Scriptures**

 1:20 – 22 – God blessed the living creatures in the waters with life & provision

 1: 28 – God blessed all the living creatures on earth & mankind ***“be fruitful & multiply”***

1. God provides for the living things He created – 1:29 **“I have given you”**

**Ps 104 – A Psalm of praise for God’s goodness in providing all of creation**

104:24 – O Lord, how many are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all; the earth is full of Your possessions

1. God’s abundant goodness& provision – Ps. 145:7 – *they shall eagerly utter the mercy of Your abundant goodness*
2. God’s patient goodness, grace & favor - Rom.2:4 – *The goodness of God leads to repentance*

Rom. 8:28 - *we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God…*

**Consider**

1. God’s good grace provides all we need
2. God’s good grace provides the beauty of salvation in Christ!

**Creation reveals the beauty of Almighty God’s good glory**

1. God saw that creation was good revealing His glory
2. Ps. 8:1 – *Our Lord, Our Lord, How, majestic is Your name in all the earth, who have displayed Your splendor above heavens…when I consider the heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars which you have ordained; what is man that you take thought of him.*
3. Ps. 148 – A call for all the creation to praise the Lord

148:1 – Praise the Lord from the heavens

148:2 – Praise him all his angels

148:3 – Praise him sun and moon, all stars of light

148:4 – 6 - Praise him highest heavens and the waters that are above the heavens! For He commanded and they were created, He has established them forever and ever; He has made a decree which will not pass away

148:7 – 12 - Praise the Lord from the earth, sea monsters and all deeps, fire, hail, snow and clouds, stormy wind, fulfilling His word, mountains and all hills fruit trees and all cedars, beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged fowl, kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all judges of the earth, both young men and virgins, old men and children

148:13 - **Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name is exalted; His glory is above the earth and heaven…**

**Glory = majesty, splendor, beauty**

 **Consider**

1. God made all things beautiful in creation
2. God made mankind to recognize beauty – in relationships with God & others
3. **The beauty of heavens, earth, living creatures, the decorations of the tabernacle, temple & the beauty of heaven – these honor the beauty of God in His glory!**

**Consider**

**The glory of God is His beauty!**

**His perfections are His beauty!**

**Creation reveals the beauty of Almighty God’s good name**

1. God saw that creation was good reflecting His name
2. Ex. 33:19 – *I Myself will make all my goodness pass before you, & will proclaim the name of the Lord before you…*
3. Ex 34:6 – *The Lord, the Lord God compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by means clearing the guilty*
4. Ps. 135:3 – Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing praises to His name for it is lovely

**Consider**

1. **The name above every name is the Lord Jesus Christ!**
2. God’s name describes His goodness & beauty!

Lord – Yahweh, Elohim – Almighty, compassionate, gracious, slow to anger, abounding in lovingkindness and truth, keeping mercy to thousands, forgiving sins & judging sin

1. **His name is wonderful! Jesus Christ our Lord!**

What creates wonder, amazement & awe?

**The beautiful of the Lord in His grace, goodness & name are the most beautiful!**

**Oh, come let us adore Him! Christ the Lord!**

**Things to Remember & Do**

1. God blesses what He creates
2. Worship the beautiful Creator & Redeemer in His holy Goodness!
3. Glorify God in the beauty of holiness – Ps. 24:4 – *that I may dwell in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life to behold the beauty of the Lord, & meditate in His temple*
4. Praise the goodness of God & His grace – Ps. 107:1 – *Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for his lovingkindness is everlasting*
5. Thank God for his goodness in provision – Ps. 23:6 - *goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life*

***And God saw that it was good!***

***To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!***