

Creation & Psalm 104

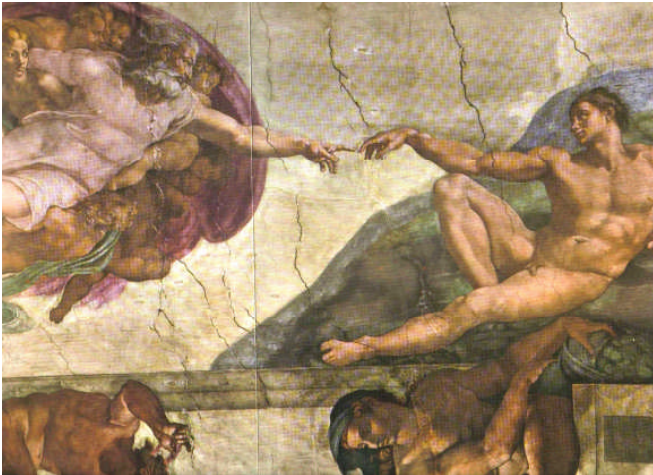
Overview

You have heard me discuss creation from the perspective of what we witness in creation – both from scientific evidence and with our eyes. Genesis provides two simple explanations as to the creation event – but have you ever really read Psalm 104? This Psalm essentially expands the creation events of Genesis 1&2.

Psalm of God the Creator

The other day I was listening to an apologist who specializes in proof of God through science and he was discussing Psalm 104 – which is titled “Psalm of God the Creator”. God has made everything with nothing and with the skill of a master that brings teaming life to primitive earth.

Here the Psalmist is writing centuries before Christ - yet has an inspiration that is amazing and takes Genesis one step further! The concept is similar to Genesis 1 where dark and watery chaos is replaced by light in the first day and by dry land in the second day.



Creation in Psalm 104

In verses 1-4 the Psalmist acknowledges that that the Lord's palace reflects His mastery over all things.

Read verses 5-18 and see how this explains how water becomes the media to enrich the earth with plants, beasts and birds. Water is now tamed to support human life and fertilized the mountain of Lebanon.

Verses 19-23 show God's mastery over the heavens, light and darkness which are now a natural part of the daily sequence.

In verses 24-26 man navigates the waters and the Leviathan in the waters is created (a mythical beast which symbolizes primitive chaos that is made a part of the natural order). Listen to the awe of the Psalmist in verse 24!

Verse 29 echoes Genesis 2-3 in God's giving life to mankind through His breath and dust of the earth. Also you should read Ezekiel 1-14.

Finally, read verses 32-33 where God makes the earth tremble (an earthquake) and the mountains give smoke (a volcano). The apologist mentioned above is also a scientist who tells us that earthquakes and volcanoes are necessary in stabilization of the planet earth. One of my technical sources goes into this in more detail and explains that it relieves internal pressures and keeps the earth stable. While we recognize that these events can be deadly and costly they are a part of the natural order. Someday we will understand this better – but probably not before we are standing in front of the Lord.

I came away from this with a new look at Psalm 104 and hope you feel the same way.

Go read Psalm 104.