

LOOKING INTO HEAVEN and learning some amazing truth.

Revelation 4:1-11.

The last verse: *“You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things and by your will they were created and have their being.” KJV...and for thy pleasure they were created.” Rev. 4:11*

God decided to create millions of creatures each differing from the others.

With whom did God take counsel in the creation of His creatures? God called into existence a world so immense that its dimensions were utterly beyond finite computation. God created an organism so small that not even the most powerful microscope can reveal its existence to human eyes. God created living creatures in heaven with eyes in front and back and eyes all around. Day and night they never stop praising God. God also created tiny insects who die the same hour they are born. We watch the birds as they fly through the air, we see the beasts as they roam the earth, the fishes as they swim in the sea and then ask Who was it that made them all different?

In 1 Corinthians 15:40 we read that there are the heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind and the splendor of the earthy is another. The sun has one kind of splendor, the moon another and the stars another; and star differs from star in splendor. But why should they? Why should the sun be more glorious than the circling planets? Why should there be shooting stars, falling stars, and wandering stars as described in Jude 13. The only answer is verse 11 of Revelation Chapter 4. *“For God’s pleasure they were created.”*

Coming to our own planet. Why should two thirds of the surface of the earth be covered with water? And why should so much of the remaining third be unfit for human cultivation or habitation? Why should there be vast stretches of marshes, deserts and ice fields. Why should one area be constantly troubled with earthquakes and another almost entirely free from them?

Why all the variations in the animal kingdom? What comparison is there between the lion and the lamb, the bear and the kid, the elephant and the mouse? Why do some animals have to do much work and carry heavy loads and others enjoy a life of freedom? Some have great strength and others are helpless. Some are tame and can live in your house, others would kill in a moment.

Why all the varieties in the vegetable kingdom? Why do roses have thorns and lilies grow without them? Why should one plant flower a dozen times in a year and another bear blossoms but once a century? Why one plant has a beautiful aroma while others stink. One leaf can be eaten and another is poison. *The answer is in Psalm 135:6 “The Lord does whatever pleases Him, in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all their depths.”*

Now we come to our human family. We should we think it strange that God gives 5 talents to one and to another only one talent? Why should we think it to be strange when one is born with a robust constitution and another having the same parents, is frail and sickly? Why should it be thought strange that Abel is cut off in his prime age while Cain the murderer is allowed to live on for years?

Why is one man born black and another white? Some are born idiots and others with high intellectual endowments. Why are some born with a temperament that is selfish and egotistical and others are self sacrificing, submissive and meek? Why are some born to lead and rule and others only fitted to serve and follow? Why some live in great poverty in India with hardly a meal a day while others have far too much to eat and need to go on a diet to lose weight. Why all these inequalities? Why do some pastors in Vietnam spend years in prison while here in Indonesia the pastors are able to minister in freedom? Why are believers arrested in Saudi Arabia while worshipping in their own home while here in Indonesia we can sing and praise God all night long?

Heredity and environment cannot account for all these variations!

No, it is God who makes one to differ from another. Why should He?

Again we go to the Word of God for the answer. *In Proverbs 16:4 we read that “The Lord works out everything for his own ends, even the wicked for a day of disaster”.*

This almighty God who made heaven and earth for His good pleasure is now revealing Himself to you and I through His son, the Lord Jesus Christ. This amazing and sovereign God, full of mysteries can we know and understand through the Son. In Matthew 11 we have some amazing teaching of the Lord Jesus. *In verse 25 Jesus said that certain things have been hidden from the wise and revealed to little children. Why? Verse 26: “Yes, Father for this was your good pleasure. All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son, except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him.”*

To whom does the Son choose to reveal Himself? The answer is in the next verse, verse 29, *“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and burden is light.”*

God in His sovereignty has chosen you and I to hear the Gospel and hear this invitation from the Lord Jesus Christ to come to Him and learn from Him. His words can be found written in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Last week Pastor Bill Myers encouraged us to read through these Gospel every month. In his Bible it takes 4 pages a day but in my Bible, because of all the footnotes, it takes 7 pages a day.

What happens when we come to the Lord Jesus Christ? We find rest for our souls.

Peace of mind. We come to know and understand God. All things have been committed to the Lord Jesus Christ by God His Father. He is the one and only mediator between man and God.

He gives forgiveness as we repent and believe in Him.
We have the right to be called the children of God. God becomes our Father.
We may turn all our problems over to Him for a solution.
We have unlimited access to the throne of God, at any time and for any length!
We have access to His power, His love, and His Wisdom
We have freedom from fear of death, freedom from frustration, stress and worry.
He has promised to meet all our needs.
He will never leave us not forsake us.
He gives us joy and satisfaction.
He truly changes our lives.