

## **A Series of devotions on Psalm 33**

### **BY HIS WORD GOD CREATED**

Psalm 33:6-7 “By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth. He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into storehouses.”

The Bible says that God created the entire universe over six twenty-four-hour days. It says that God created everything by the power of His word saying “Let there be and there was . . .” The Bible says the human race was the only creation of God where He used another part of His creation, namely dirt and the man’s rib to bring it into existence, but even then, spoke His creative word.

For thousands of years humanity credited God, or at least some supreme being, with creating the world. Never-the-less, as early as 500 B.C., a Greek Philosopher, Anaximander of Miletus, speculated that humans must have descended from some other type of creature. Better known for expanding Miletus’ work, was Charles Dawin who proposed his theory of “natural selection.”

Molecular biologist Michael Denton wrote, “Although the tiniest bacterial cells are incredibly small, weighing less than  $10^{-12}$  grams, each is in effect is a veritable micro-miniaturized factory containing thousands of exquisitely designed pieces of intricate molecular machinery, made up altogether of one hundred thousand million atoms, far more complicated than any machinery built by man and absolutely without parallel in the non-living world.” (Michael Denton, “Evolution: A Theory in Crisis,” 1986, p. 250) Even Charles Darwin admitted, “To suppose that the eye with all its inimitable contrivances for adjusting the focus to different distances, for admitting different amounts of light, and for the correction of spherical and chromatic aberration, could have been formed by natural selection, seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest degree.” (Charles Darwin, “On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection, or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life,” 1859, p. 155.)

The Psalmist in Psalm 33:6-7 states his faith in God creating the universe by the power of His word. John in his Gospel states unequivocally, without reservation, clearly that Jesus participated with God the Father in the creation of the universe, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,

and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.” (John 1:1-3) God also created you, “For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.” (Psalm 139:13-14) You are not an accident, a product of natural selection, you are a creation of God.

Prayer: Lord, especially when I am tempted to discredit myself, think of myself in demeaning ways I thank You for Your word that reminds me that You created me to be who I am.”

Evening and morning, Sunset and dawning, Wealth, peace, and gladness,  
Comfort in sadness: These are Thy works; all the glory be Thine! Times  
without number, Awake or in slumber, Thine eye observes us, From danger  
preserves us, Causing Thy mercy upon us to shine.

Father, O hear me, Pardon and spare me; Calm all my terrors,  
Blot out my errors That by Thine eyes they may no more be scanned.  
Order my goings, Direct all my doings; As it may please Thee,  
Retain or release me; All I commit to Thy fatherly hand.

Ills that still grieve me Soon are to leave me; Though billows tower,  
And winds gain power, After the storm the fair sun shows its face.  
Joys e’er increasing And peace never ceasing: These shall I treasure  
And share in full measure When in His mansions God grants me a place.

To God in heaven All praise be given! Come, let us offer And gladly proffer  
To the Creator the gifts He doth prize. He well receiveth  
A heart that believeth; Hymns that adore Him Are precious before Him  
And to His throne like sweet incense arise.  
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