A SERIES OF DEVOTIONS BASED ON THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

JESUS PARTICIPATED IN THE CREATION OF THIS WORLD

Hebrews 1:10 "In the beginning, Lord, You laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands."

A strong majority of Americans believe God exists. However, when polled about the various Biblical teachings about God, the percentage of those accepting what the it teaches about Him shrinks. For instance, less than half of the population of this country believe that God created the world. This is in spite of what is said in Genesis chapters one and two. In today's devotional verse, the writer to the Hebrews attributes the creation of the world to Jesus which agrees with what John wrote in his Gospel, the first chapter, "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. . . The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:1-3,14)

Jesus, the ruler over this world (yesterday's devotion), along with His Father and the Holy Spirit created the world over which He rules. In other words, He knows it intimately. It is all His! Nothing that exists does so without Him. He is in total control of all He created and rules over. He is your Good Shepherd who sees to it that you have all you need. (Psalm 23:1 and John 10) Who then can separate you from the Love of Jesus? "Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered. "No, in all these things we (YOU) are more than conquerors through Him who loved us (YOU)." (Romans 8:35-27)

Jesus desires that you acknowledge Him and recognize His Divine glory as He prayed in His high priestly prayer to His heavenly Father, "Father, glorify Me in Your presence with the glory I had with You before the world began. . . Father, I want those You have given me to be with Me where I am, and to see My glory, the glory You have given Me because You loved Me before the creation of the world." (John 17:5,24)

Prayer: I acknowledge, Lord Jesus, You, with the Father, created this world and now rule over it and provide all that I need to support my life. Thanks and praise

to You that You are present in my life now and one day I will be with You in paradise. In Your holy name. Amen.

Creator of the stars of night, Thy people's everlasting Light; O Christ, Redeemer, save us all And hear Thy servants when they call.

Thou, grieving, that the ancient curse Should doom to death a universe, Hast found the healing, full of grace, To cure and save our ruined race.

Thou cam'st the Bridegroom of the bride, As drew the world to eventide, The spotless Victim all divine Proceeding from a virgin shrine.

At whose dread name, majestic now, All knees must bend, all hearts must bow; All things celestial Thee shall own, And things terrestrial, Lord alone.

O Thou, whose coming is with dread To judge the living and the dead, Preserve us from the ancient foe While still we dwell on earth below.

To God the Father, and the Son And Holy Spirit, Three in One, Praise, honor, might, and glory be From age to age eternally. (LSB 351)