

Jesus The Creator

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Thank you, Isaiah. So we're going to go to Hebrews 1, Hebrews chapter 1. We've been looking at the nature of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. We see that he is so much better than the angels, that all spiritual power and authority, that everything in heaven or on earth or under the earth and bows down to Jesus Christ. Let me try this again.

Sometimes individuals hold up some form of spiritual authority and hold to it as if it could actually help themselves. They look to the stars that Jesus created. They look to angels that Jesus created. They look to think things that Jesus created and are driven to look for help from those things which Jesus has authority over.

Hebrews is telling us that all angels worship Jesus. Why would an individual turn towards something and not the Son? Jesus is over even the angels. We looked last week. That Jesus throne is forever.

It always endures. There is no end to it. That he is a scepter of righteousness, that he judges righteously, that he loves certain kinds of conduct, he loves righteousness and hates lawlessness. And there is a benefit that comes from following Christ. We're going to look in verse 10 through 12 today about the Creator.

Jesus is creator. He is Creator. It says in chapter one of Hebrews verse 10 it says, you, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundations of the earth and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain. They will all grow old like a garment, like a cloak.

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You will fold them up and they will be changed. But you are the same and your years will not fail. Here we see a uniqueness about the Son of God in that he is described as being the Creator in Colossians, in an attempt to wrap up any possible option of anything existing outside, outside of Christ's sphere of what he created. In Colossians chapter one. Let's see.

In chapter 1, verse 16 it says, for by him all things were created that are in heaven and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through him and for Him. And he is before all things, and in him all things exist. He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning and the firstborn from the dead, that in him, or that in all things he might have preeminence. Then of course, in the Gospel of John we see something similar in an attempt to leave nothing out.

In John chapter one it says, in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were created through him, and without him nothing was made, that was made in him was life. And the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not comprehend it. The Bible teaches that Jesus is the creator of all things.

That he existed independently with the Father as God before creation, that there was nothing that existed before he called it into existence and nothing will exist, that he will exist at the end of time. Also in looking at this I wanted to kind of understand what do other cultures and religions teach about creation? What do they teach? Is it different than what the Bible teaches about the nature of Jesus Christ and his creation? You know what?

I found it is extraordinarily confusing.

I know less than I did when I started. And some religions there's a mist and the mist gives birth to God and God has a child and that child is killed or other places there are gods fighting and one God gets chopped in pieces and the pieces become the universe and others just so crazy of God's fighting and confusion and turmoil and disarray. I

couldn't believe it. One person said when saying that if the Christian perspective of creation should be taught in public schools, then all religions creation story should be taught in public schools. The Christians said yeah, do it.

Do is so mind boggling that there is such a crazy view of creation from almost all culture. If you don't believe me, just look into it. There is something singularly different about Jesus as creator than other. Every other religion that I believe has enabled us to understand something about God. The couple closest things to it of course are Judaism and the Islamic religion, which I believe borrows from Christianity and Judaism, that there is one God who created everything out of nothing, that he is responsible for, for all of creation.

And creation is nothing without him. It is interesting as I looked into creation from different religions perspective that there is no difference from who I looked at between Judaism and Christianity. They said the story is the same. In six days God created the heavens and the earth. That he brought them forth out of nothing and made man and woman.

But they forget to mention that the New Testament teaches something different. It says that Jesus is creator. It says that he brought forth everything that you and I, I believe, have the opportunity to know the person who created everything. In all other religions it's confusion and disarray. In Judaism yes, they know about a God.

In Islamic they know about a God. But in Christianity we can know the God. We can know who he is and how he acts, how he feels, how he loves us. It's important to know how this about Jesus as creator. We know him and his love for us and can therefore respect his power.

We're going to start in verse 10. It says of Jesus, the Son of God. In verse 10, you, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundations of the earth. First of all, we have to recognize here there's a word in, in King James and what any versions associated with the King James. It is capital L, O R D, capital L, O R D, capital L, O R D in the Old Testament is the Tetragrammatron, right?

The Y H, W H where we get Yahweh from? Or maybe before it was, you know, jhvh, where we get Jehovah from? Well, Jehovah or Yahweh is not. It is in the Old Testament, in the Hebrew. And they wanted to leave out the vowels because the name was too holy to be said.

And so they recognized when they came across those consonants, they would not say the holy name, right? But in Greek, which is not Hebrew, they have a different word that they use for Lord. I believe it's called kurios or kurios, and it means Lord, God, master. And the Greek uses that word in place of the tetragrammaton, the Y H, W H. And so in a scripture that will say what would have been Yahweh. When they're repeating it in the New Testament, they will use Kurios Lord, master, right?

Meaning relating to that tetragrammaton, the Yahweh. But in this case it is not the tetragrammaton, even though in the King James it is. If yours is like mine, capital L, O R D, it is actually not there. Even though the passage out of Psalm regularly and is known to be about Yahweh, the Lord. That word here, you, Lord, is not actually that word in Psalm 102.

So the writer here uses Kurios Lord. This is without a doubt referring to the Lord Jesus Christ. The Son of God, who is being spoken of here is the Son of God. It says that you in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth. It is interesting to know a couple things here that he is described as being someone who laid the foundations in verse 10, in the second part it says, the heavens are the work of your hands.

Number one, we need to know that Jesus is a worker, right? It says that he was the son of a carpenter and became most likely a worker in that trade. That word carpenter. What I learned in Israel for two reasons. What I probably meant is the word builder.

The builder, right? Because there's not much land or not much wood in Israel. It is much more likely that Jesus was a worker in stone. Everything was made out of stone. Things that we make out of wood, they make in stone.

But Jesus was a worker. I'm going to tell you what, working with stone is not necessarily what you want to build with. If you have a choice, it lasts a long time, yes,

but it's heavy and hard to work with. Jesus was a worker. We see that as in his time on earth, even before he started his ministry, was an individual who worked with his hands.

The Christian gospel is, is inclined to tell us that those who walk with Jesus also work with Him. He is calling us to be yoked up with him, to walk with Him. And it is my conclusion that you and I, if we're going to walk with Jesus, means you and I also must work with him or you're gonna be on a different path. Unfortunately, if I can be completely honest, that which is a blessing in the New Testament, which says it is blessing to work with one's hands, has in our culture unfortunately become a curse. What happened when our ancestors came here from the old world into the new.

They recognized that to work with one's hands was a fulfilling of the commission that God had given us. And so they worked and they created a society here that was based on work. And now, unfortunately, we are undoing what they did.

It is hard to see a place in which once work was rewarded. We live in a culture, unfortunately, right now, where the tables have been turned.

Now we think it's smarter not to reward work. Now we reward people who don't work.

I need to be absolutely honest, if I just can be for just a minute.

I really do care about people and I really do love people and recognize that the circumstances we are in are different, are hard, that make people feel bad or puts them in unwieldy circumstances. But I want you to know without a shadow of a doubt that Christ is a worker. That he is calling people to labor with him, that there is no excuse, that it exempts a person who wants to follow Jesus Christ from working.

It doesn't mean that you don't get paid to work. Christ doesn't mind if you don't get paid. He just minds that you work. Christ doesn't mind if you don't have a good job. He doesn't mind if you have a bad job.

He just minds if you will work in the bad job. He doesn't mind about a lot of the things that our culture says. He doesn't mind how much money it gives you or what it affords you. He just minds if you're willing to work with him. Would like to say that a refusal to work is a refusal to follow Jesus.

I'm not saying you can't be retired. I'm just saying your retirement can't lead you to a place of thinking that you're exempt from following Christ.

What we need as a culture, this is all for free, is a return to following Jesus Christ, who encourages us to labor with our hands, that it is a blessing and an example that he laid for us and we must continue. Jesus is a worker, and he chose in the beginning that this work that he started was a real one. Christianity is the only religion from my perspectives that gives a viable view of the start of creation. Everything else feels to me chaos. But Christ gives an orderly plan of building the universe.

It says, you, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundations of the earth. That he started off in this work, building the things that were elementary first, that needed to be there. In the beginning that he laid the foundations. It says the heavens are the work of your hands. That as creator, he built something where in other religions it felt like to me that everything just sprung out spontaneously from confusion.

This is very important because what is started in confusion is not easily understood. What is started off as a building of a foundation can be understood in our culture, in our Western civilization. We why in the last thousand years have we progressed so quickly in scientific thought?

Most of the early scientists in their fields were individuals who believed that Jesus laid the foundation and an individual who laid the foundation. We could think those thoughts after them because it was one of order. They assumed that that order could be understood by his creation. And as they looked about it, they began to see that there were laws. And these laws were consistent over all of creation.

They could be understood, they could be predicted that and as a result, we could build upon those laws. It says, you, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundations of the earth

and the heavens are the work of your hands. Speaking of this, it says that Jesus was in the beginning. Before him there was no time, there was no material, there was no form of available energy. That this all started with the person Jesus Christ.

And it says, they will perish, but you will remain. It says that one day, just as there at one time was no time, at one time there was no materials, at one time there was no life. And so at the end of the age, time again will be destroyed. This is described in the Bible. Multiple places, places.

Jesus, when asked of his disciples, when will the end of these things be and he begins to tell them there will be earthquakes and famines and wars. And it says then the powers of the heavens will be shaken. There will be a great tremendous earthquakes in this time. In Revelations we see also a picture of the heavens being rolled up. That that which is growing old and one day will be changed.

It says in verse 11 and 12 it says they will perish, but you remain and they will all grow old like a garment, like a cloak you will fold them up. It says that creation itself is groaning under the burden of sin on it. There is, I believe that if you look logically, there is an end to what you and I experience on earth. That it is a clock winding down, that energy is being lost, that the that all being dissipated and things slowing down. And one day Jesus is going to say that is the end and roll them up.

That will be the end of time. And God will judge people, but bring in a new heaven and earth where time does not exist. It says in verse 12, like a cloak you will fold them up and they will be changed. But you are the same and your years will not fail. I hope that if you and I as individuals recognize the creative aspect Jesus Christ in creating time, we also have to understand that just as he created all these things, they are also there's going to be an end of time for you and I also that you and I will be able to experience eternity with Christ or if we refuse, without him.

One of the things that individuals have said is how could God judge individuals based on what they believe?

In Scripture we see over and over that individuals are going to be judged according to their own works. God, which is more righteous and holy for a God, to force someone who doesn't want to spend time with him to spend time with him, or to allow someone the opportunity to reject him and not spend time with him. What do you want? If you have had the opportunity to be married, would you find it loving for someone to force you into a marriage that you don't want?

Anyone want to be married to that person? No. Or would you rather have the opportunity to decide for yourself whether you want to spend time with that person? God, as a complete gentleman, gives you. Then I the opportunity to decide.

Do I want to spend eternity with this individual? Am I willing to? Do I want to? If you don't want to, he will not force you. He refuses to overcome the will of man by forcing them into a relationship that they don't want.

How do we know whether or not we want a relationship with somebody?

One of the ways we know is whether we want to harm that person, whether it's our goal to bring distress and hurt upon that individual. It's the same way if you want to know whether you want to spend time with Jesus, if you want a relationship with him, do you fight against him by breaking his commandments?

Do you want to spend eternity with Jesus? A willing heart confesses, I want to spend time with you. And then recognizing that there's only one path to get there. My hope is that you and I understand that any works that you and I accomplish cannot do it. But the path only exists through Jesus cross and resurrection.

My hope is that through the book of Hebrews, as we begin to understand the ministry of Jesus Christ, that this foundation will be laid. That Jesus was there before any thought of you or your parents or anything, that he existed. That all, all creation is subject to him, responsible to him. And at the end it is all for him in recognizing his correct position. I hope it aligns us in a place that we would willingly submit to that individual.

Going back to Isaiah's message today, praise God, you chose willingly or maybe unwillingly to come to church. You came. I hope if there is any Christ centered speaking that happens today, that you came to a place of being willing to hear Christ's voice. My hope is, is that in recognizing who Christ is, that you would not miss the opportunity to call out to him while he is near.

I'm just going to read verse 10 one more time. The whole thing, I'll read through it. You Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain. And they will all grow old like a garment, like a cloak.

You will fold them up, they will be changed and you are the same. Your years will not fail. If you do not believe in God, there is no purpose at all in creation. Eat, drink and tomorrow you die. Your life has no importance, no meaning.

You're just a breath that does not influence existence outside of our small environment at all. But if you believe the Christian message, we see that there's a purpose for life. Jesus created it for a reason and he wants to share it with you for eternity. I believe that's reason to call out to God and to invite him into your life. Let's go ahead and pray.

O Father. We see that in Christianity, Lord, you preach a message of Jesus as creator, that we are responsible to Him. O Lord. I just ask that you turn all of our hearts to recognize his position and respond to it as one that is important in the light of eternity, I just ask in Jesus name, Amen.