

**WINTER QUARTER SUNDAY SCHOOL 2016-2017
THEME: CREATION AND SALVATION
UNIT TWO – ALL CREATION PRAISES GOD**

**“AN ALLEGORY OF CREATION’S STORY...
GOD MADE IT ALL”**



**Sunday School Lesson No. VIII
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Lesson Text: Psalm 104:1-35
Required Reading: Genesis 1; Psalm 104
Motto Texts: Genesis 1:1, *“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”*
 Psalm 24:1-2, *“The earth is the LORD’s, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.”*

Psalm 19:1, *“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.”*

Psalm 104:24, *“O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.”*

Reliable Resources: The John Phillips Commentary Series; Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator; The Treasury of David by C. H. Spurgeon; Standard Lesson Commentary; Understanding the 66 Books of the Bible by Dr. David Jeremiah; Precepts for Living (UMI); Word Search 10 Electronic Library; Bible Exposition Commentary; Logos Bible Software

LESSON INTRODUCTION

There is a gross ignorance that masquerades as super intelligence called evolution. It is the religion of infidels who, with the wonderful minds in their heads, deny the very God that granted them superior knowledge. Dr. Grady Welch once said to me, “Anything we have above nothing, God gave it to us!” To this I simply say, “Amen!” These lessons bring us back to the beginnings of creation, covenants, and creating of a special people to which God would eventually bring forth His Christ and our Saviour! God the Supreme Being is the Master Planner of the universe and all order is orchestrated by Him! Our motto text in Psalm 104:24 declares: *“O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.”*

Now let us walk the walk and talk the talk of God’s word to glorify Him through His message concerning: **“AN ALLEGORY OF CREATION’S STORY...GOD MADE IT ALL”**

What is an allegory? Simply defined, an allegory is *“...a figurative treatment of one subject under the guise of another.”* (Dictionary.com). Beloved, the creation story is being presented from Psalm 104 rather than the Genesis account. The word is fully centered in the fact that it is all about Jehovah. Anything we need to know about everything is found in God’s Holy Word, so we will use Psalm 104 to describe and to comprehend God’s creation story, remembering **“God Made It All.”**

Before we begin, let us note the following parallel – The Six Day Creation Account, as expressed in Genesis 1 and Psalm 104:

	<u>Genesis 1</u>	<u>Psalm 104</u>
“Day 1.	God created light (1:3)	(1-2)
Day 2.	The heavens and the waters (1:3)	(2-3)
Day 3.	Land and vegetation (9-13)	(6-18)
Day 4.	The sun, moon, stars (14-16)	(19-23)
Day 5.	Fish and birds (20-23)	(25-26)
Day 6.	Animals, man and food (24-31)	(21-24, 27-30)”

Beloved, let us proceed to examine “An Allegory of Creation’s Story...God Made It All.”

Anticipated Power Points:

- **God is the Divine Designer. Psalm 104:1-4**
- **God’s Divine Design. Psalm 104:5-23**
- **God’s Divine Dominion over His Design. Psalm 104:24-35**

LESSON OUTLINE

I. God is the Divine Designer. Psalm 104:1-4

Before we note the Divine Design, the Psalmist describes the majesty of the Great Designer. Note Warren Wiersbe’s description:

“vs. 1 **A. Psalm 95:3 describes His superior greatness.**

vs. 2 **B. He wears light as his robe (I Jn. 1:5) and lays out the heavens as His palace above the waters (Gen. 1:7).**

vss. 3-4 **C. He uses the clouds for His chariot and the winds to move them (Ps. 68:4). His servants (the angels, Heb. 1:7) serve as quickly and invisibly as the wind and possess awesome power like flames of fire.”**

II. God’s Divine Design. Psalm 104:5-23

Now we begin to reflect upon the design of the Designer, who is God Jehovah!

A. He set the foundations of the world that they would never be moved.

Job wondered at God’s design as described the foundations and where they were laid. Job 26:7 tells us, “*He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.*” (Read Job 38:1-6). vs. 5

B. He designed this world to be somewhat birthed out of water, which is the life of our world.

Without it, we could never survive. He literally spoke this vast world into existence. Genesis 1:6-8 describes how God brought order out of the depths and land and water found their proper places! God separated salt from fresh water and all that dwells in them. (Proverbs 104:6-9). He is the provider of food and shelter.

1. In vss. 10-13, God sets the running waters for consumption

2. In vss. 14-17, God sets fields, plants, and trees for animal and human consumption

3. In vs. 18, God sets the dwelling places of the animals

C. He designed the heavens that set boundaries of rest and work for both man and beast through the seasons and day and night. vss. 19-23

III. God’s Divine Dominion over His Design. Psalm 104:24-30

Bible Knowledge Commentary shares, “The Psalmist broke forth with praise to the Lord for all of His Creation, made in His great wisdom. The earth’s many living forms (creatures) are under His dominion” from a lamb to a Leviathan – (a great sea creature). vss. 24-26

A. He is the Provider of sustenance. vss. 27-28

B. He is the Prince of all existence. vss. 28-30

“*Thou givest,*” “*thou openest,*” “*thou takest away,*” “*thou sendest forth.*” The songwriter said: “Without God I could do nothing; without Him I would fail...” Beloved, this allegory of creation’s story fully aligns with the Genesis account of Chapter 1, but I am blessed that it reminds us constantly that simply, **God Made It All!**

CLOSING

So how do we close this Psalm? **Read Psalm 104:31-35** and remember, without a doubt God has the first and last word on everything in His creative domicile! That makes the Psalmist and I want to: Sing (vs. 33); Meditate (vs. 34); Rejoice (vs. 34); Anticipate (vs. 35). Chris Tomlin wrote these words in the hymn of praise, How Great Is Our God: “*The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty, Let all the earth rejoice, All the earth rejoice. He wraps himself in Light, and darkness tries to hide, And trembles at His voice, Trembles at His voice. How great is our God, sing with me, How great is our God, and all will see How great, how great is our God. Age to age He stands, And time is in His hands, Beginning and the end, Beginning and the end, The Godhead Three in One, Father Spirit Son, The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb. Name above all names Worthy of our praise, My heart will sing How great is our God. How great is our God, sing with me How great is our God, and all will see How great, how great is our God.*”

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