





# GOD IS CREATOR

The Significance & Consequence



## REVELATION 4.9-II

“Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and **were created.**”



## CONTEX OF REV. 4.II

### ➤ 3 Reasons

1. Created All Things – Worthy of Power
2. Your will, they “were” – Worthy of Honor
3. “were created” – Worthy of Glory



# THE PURPOSES OF THE CEATOR



# Why...Purpose?

- 1<sup>st</sup> Reason strongly connects to Holiness
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reason inseparable from Almightyness
- So 3<sup>rd</sup> Reason should connect to Eternality



# Why...Purpose?

- What did God need before creating?
  - A PURPOSE
  - Heb. 6.17,18



## HEBREWS 6.17,18

<sup>17</sup> In the same way God, desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise the **unchangeableness of His purpose**, interposed with an oath, <sup>18</sup> so that by **two unchangeable** things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us.





# Why...Purpose?

- What did God need before creating?
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  - Heb. 6.17,18
    - 2 Things: 1) Oath 2) God's nature (why God can't lie)
    - Unchangeableness of the PROMISE to the heirs



## EPH. 3.II

*This was* in accordance with the **eternal purpose** which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,



# Why...Purpose?

- What did God need before creating?
  - A PURPOSE
  - Heb. 6.17,18
  - Eph. 3.11
    - At least referring to God's plan FROM eternity
    - Creator's purpose comes from His eternal nature



# Why...Purpose?

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  - Heb. 6.17,18
  - Eph. 3.11
  - “were created” connects to Creator’s purposes



# What is glory?

➤ Ex. 33.18-22



## EXODUS 33.18,19

18 Then Moses said, “I pray You, show me Your **glory!**” 19 And He said, “I Myself will make all My **goodness** pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the LORD before you;



# What is glory?

➤ Ex. 33.18-22

- Seems God's goodness is a consolation prize



## EXODUS 33.22

and it will come about, while **My glory** is passing by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand until I have passed by.





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## ➤ Ex. 33.18-22

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- 1<sup>st</sup> says goodness will pass before you
- Now says glory will pass by



## EXODUS 34.6,7

<sup>6</sup> Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; <sup>7</sup> who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave



## EXODUS 34.6,7

*the guilty* unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations.”



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- Now says glory will pass by
- Declaring "name" means character
- God's glory IS His goodness
- Glory is what makes something/someone praiseworthy



# WHY Create?

➤ Is. 65.17-19



## ISAIAH 65.17-19

“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth;

And the former things will not be remembered or come to mind.

18 “But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create;



## ISAIAH 65.17-19

For behold, I create Jerusalem *for* rejoicing

And *her people for* gladness.

19 “I will also rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in  
*My people;*

And there will no longer be heard in her

The voice of weeping and the sound of crying.



# WHY Create?

➤ Is. 65.17-19

- FOR rejoicing and gladness
- Vs. 18 – to rejoice “in what I create”
- Creators wants a creation FULL of joy
- Note “new heavens and new earth” language





## I TIMOTHY 4.3,4

<sup>3</sup> *men* who forbid marriage *and* advocate abstaining from foods which **God has created** to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth. <sup>4</sup> For everything created by God is good, and **nothing is to be rejected if it is received with gratitude;**



# WHY Create?

➤ Rom. 1.20



## ROMANS 1.20

<sup>20</sup> For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.



# WHY Create?

➤ Rom. 1.20

- FOR Revelation of His Nature
- Eternal Power (Behemoth – Job 40)
- Divine Nature (Uniqueness – Is. 48.7)



# WHY Create?

➤ Is. 45.18



## ISAIAH 45.18

Is. 45:18 For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (He is the God who formed the earth and made it, He established it *and* did not create it a waste place, *but* formed it to be inhabited), “I am the LORD, and there is none else.



# WHY Create?

➤ Is. 45.18

- TO BE INHABITED

- Direct Challenge to calloused Creator view
- Why should we trust this claim?



# WHY Create?

- Is. 45.18 – TO BE INHABITED
- Eph. 2.4-7





## EPH. 2.4,5

<sup>4</sup> But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),



# WHY Create?

- Is. 45.18 – TO BE INHABITED
- Eph. 2.4-7
  - Dead in OUR transgressions, God made alive
  - Creator CHOSE to do this (opposes death)



## EPH. 2.6,7

<sup>6</sup> and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.



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  - Seated (enthroned) with Christ
  - To show “riches of His grace”



# WHY Create?

- Is. 45.18 – TO BE INHABITED
- Eph. 2.4-7 – To Show riches of His grace
- Eph. 1



## EPH. I. 5,6

<sup>5</sup> He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of the glory of His grace,



# WHY Create?

- Is. 45.18 – TO BE INHABITED
- Eph. 2.4-7 – To Show riches of His grace
- Eph. 1
  - Vs. 6,7: Planned adoption to praise glorious grace



## EPH. I.II,12

<sup>11</sup> also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, <sup>12</sup> to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory.





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- Eph. 2.4-7 – To Show riches of His grace
- Eph. 1
  - vs. 6,7: Planned adoption to praise glorious grace
  - vs. 11,12: Inheritance to the praise of His glory



## EPH. I.14

<sup>14</sup> who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of *God's own* possession, to the praise of His glory.



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- Eph. 2.4-7 – To Show riches of His grace
- Eph. 1
  - vs. 6,7: Planned adoption to praise glorious grace
  - vs. 11,12: Inheritance to the praise of His glory
  - Vs. 14: Gave Spirit...to the praise of His glory



# WHY Create?

- Is. 45.18 – TO BE INHABITED
- Eph. 2.4-7 – To Show riches of His grace
- Eph. 1 – To the Praise of His glory
- Eph. 3.10



## EPH. 3.10

so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly *places*.



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- Eph. 2.4-7 – To Show riches of His grace
- Eph. 1 – To the Praise of His glory
- Eph. 3.10 – To Show Wisdom of God
- Is. 43.6,7



## ISAIAH 43.6,7

6 “I will say to the north, ‘Give *them* up!’  
And to the south, ‘Do not hold *them* back.’  
Bring My sons from afar  
And My daughters from the ends of the earth,



## ISAIAH 43.6,7

<sup>7</sup> Everyone who is called by My name,  
And whom I have **created for My glory**,  
Whom I have formed, even whom I have made.”





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- Eph. 2.4-7 – To Show riches of His grace
- Eph. 1 – To the Praise of His glory
- Eph. 3.10 – To Show Wisdom of God
- Is. 43.6,7 – Created FOR HIS GLORY



WHY Create? WHY Worthy?

**PURPOSE** of OUR creation was to  
**DEMONSTRATE** the **Glory** of God's  
Eternal Nature to the Spiritual realm!



# Application

➤ Worship Creator for His Nature

➤ Is. 42.5-8



## ISAIAH 42.5-8

Is. 42:5 Thus says God the LORD,  
Who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
Who spread out the earth and its offspring,  
Who gives breath to the people on it  
And spirit to those who walk in it,



## ISAIAH 42.5-8

6 “I am the LORD, I have called You in  
righteousness,

I will also hold You by the hand and watch over  
You,

And I will appoint You as a covenant to the people,

As a light to the nations,



## ISAIAH 42.5-8

<sup>7</sup> To open blind eyes,

To bring out prisoners from the dungeon

And those who dwell in darkness from the prison.

<sup>8</sup> “I am the LORD, that is My name;

I will not give My glory to another,

Nor My praise to graven images.



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➤ Worship Creator for His Nature

➤ Is. 42.5-8

- Note vs. 5 establishing God as Creator
- A Covenant to peoples & A Light to nations
- Free prisoners and Open blind eyes



# Application

- Worship Creator for His Nature
- Is. 42.5-8 – **Glorify God by Winning Souls**
  - Note vs. 5 establishing God as Creator
  - A Covenant to peoples & A Light to nations
  - Free prisoners and Open blind eyes





Are We Fulfilling  
Our Creator's Purposes?

