

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

# HOW GREAT THOU ART

## PSALMS 104

Text: Psalms 104:1

### ***Psalm 104:1***

*<sup>1</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty.*

Introduction:

The theme of this song of praise is the wisdom and power of God as seen in nature. The song begins by considering the splendour of the heavens. The light of the sun, the expanse of sky reaching down to meet the earth on the horizon, the movement of clouds blown by the wind, the flashes of lightning - all these things speak of the magnificence of God who dwells in and rules over the universe.

This psalm is presented to us in two sections:

The Power of God and Our Praise To God.

Note:

## 1. The Power of God (vs. 1-32)

The psalmist begins by pondering the power of God and certainly it is seen in the act of creation.

Turn to Colossians 1:

### **Colossians 1:16-20**

<sup>16</sup> *For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:* <sup>17</sup> *And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.* <sup>18</sup> *And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.* <sup>19</sup> *For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;* <sup>20</sup> *And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.*

Note:

A. He Is the Power of Creation

### **Colossians 1:16**

<sup>16</sup> ***For by him were all things created,*** *that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or*

principalities, or powers: **all things were created by him**, and for him:

The Lord is the power of creation. "For by him were all things created" (Colossians 1:16).

The little baby in Matthew 1 is the mighty God of Genesis 1.

There was nothing made without Him.

John tells us:

### **John 1:3**

*<sup>3</sup> All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. "All things were made by him"*

Not only is He the Power of Creation but note also:

### B. He Is the Preserver of Creation

### **Colossians 1:17**

*<sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and by **him all things consist.***

The Lord Jesus is the glue of the galaxies.

What is it that keeps it all from falling apart or coming apart?

The Lord.

The Lord is the One who feeds the sun with its fuel.

The Lord is the One who guides the planets in their orbit around the sun.

The Lord is the One who has set out all of the stars.

Talk about natural law—there's no natural law. They're the laws of Christ that nature obeys.

It is by the Lord that all things consist.

Not only is He the Power and Preserver of Creation but note also:

### C. He Is the Purpose of Creation

#### **Colossians 1:16**

*<sup>16</sup> For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, **and for him:***

All of creation is for him – not ourselves.

Because all of creation is for Him; He is to have the preeminence in all things.

### **Colossians 1:18**

*<sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.*

We have considered the Power of the Lord and as David reflected on His Power it led David to:

## **2. OFFER PRAISE TO GOD (VS. 32-35)**

### **Psalm 104:32-35**

*<sup>32</sup> He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke. <sup>33</sup> I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. <sup>34</sup> My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD. <sup>35</sup> Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless thou the LORD, O my soul. Praise ye the LORD.*

God's mighty acts in creation should cause us to constantly praise Him.

Man should enjoy what God has made and praise Him for it.

Close:

As we ponder the creation, may it lead us to praise Him because of His power.