

PSALM 104 – O Lord My God, You Are Very Great

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HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD Chris Tomlin (4:30/4:33)

The splendor of a 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
[Chorus] -- *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
[Chorus]

Name above all names Worthy of all praise My heart will sing How great is our God (2x) -
[Chorus]

How great is our God How great is our God How Great How great is our God (2x)

PSALM 104 – O Lord My God, You Are Very Great – A song of God’s power and His majesty! A

panorama of the universe viewed by the eye of devotion! A poet’s version of Genesis, and the wisdom behind it, complete with sea and land, cloud and sunlight, plant and animal, light and darkness, life, and death, are all proved to be expressive presence of the LORD! Creation always speaks of the Creator, the Designer! All created with inter dependence! O for grace to render due praise unto the LORD!

Psa 104:1 Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, You are very great: You are clothed with honor (splendor) and majesty,

- This is a psalm that actually extols God for His creative acts and powers. The word bless is to praise with adoration. Simply for who He is, even before what He has done!

Psa 104:2 Who cover Yourself (wraps Himself, characterizing Himself as Creator) ***with light as with a garment, Who stretch out the heavens like a curtain*** (effortless creative acts).

- He turns his heart and mind towards God, to begin to praise the Lord with adoration. ***“Bless the Lord, O my soul!”*** Praise the Lord with adoration, my soul for the greatness of God. God has clothed Himself with ***honor and majesty***. He has surrounded Himself with light. The Bible tells us that God dwells in a light that is unapproachable by man. God is light. God stretched out, in a beautiful, picturesque kind of speech, He just ***stretched out the heavens like a curtain***.
- The psalmist said, “When I consider the heavens the psalmist said, “the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars which You’ve ordained.” We see these vast stars in their orbits traveling at phenomenal speeds we wonder the thrust, the power, which put them into orbit and the thrust that put the earth into orbit and then we think about God.
- When we look at creation, there is no way anyone could really conclude it just happened without a Designer!

Psa 104:3 He lays (causes to meet) ***the beams of His upper chambers*** (atmosphere) ***in the waters, Who makes the clouds His chariot, Who walks on the wings of the wind,***

- ***Chambers in the waters***. The Bible spoke about the waters above the firmament and the waters below the firmament when God created the earth and the beams for His habitation above the waters, which is the upper waters of the firmament.
- ***Who makes the clouds His chariot, Who walks on***. This is just beautiful figurative kind of speech as we look at nature and nature brings us into a consciousness and awareness of God. The clouds, chariots of His feet, another scripture talks about them as the dust of His feet.

Psa 104:4 Who makes His angels spirits, His ministers a flame of fire.

- The Bible speaks about the *angels* being *spirits*, spirit beings, *a flame of fire*. (*Heb 1:7*) *And of the angels He says: "WHO MAKES HIS ANGELS SPIRITS AND HIS MINISTERS A FLAME OF FIRE."*

Psa 104:5 You who laid the foundations (the core) of the earth, So that it should not be moved forever,

- The basis for the earth, He set the earth in its orbit around the sun to continue in that orbit. That is an amazing thing in itself!

Psa 104:6 You covered it (foundations of the earth) with the deep as with a garment; The waters stood above the mountains.

- A description of the earth in its form that we find it in the first chapter of Genesis. The mountains were covered by water. If there were not mountains or trenches, and the surface of the earth were flat, it would be covered with over 6,000 feet of water. Not a reference to the flood here but to the earth as God began his creative acts in the book of Genesis

Psa 104:7 At Your rebuke they fled; At the voice of Your thunder they hastened away.

- God said, "Let dry land appear." Up shot the mountains, the Himalayas the Andes, the Alps and so forth. The tremendous water ran down and formed the valleys and all, Grand Canyon was formed by water coming rushing down in that area; the dry land appeared. The voice of His thunder, they hurried away.

Psa 104:8 They went up over the mountains; They went down into the valleys, To the place which You founded (assigned, appointed) for them.

- God caused this change of the earth's structure; the mountains were thrust up and other areas where there were indentations so that the water came rushing into the great valleys that were formed that are now the ocean beds. We know that they go down some thirty-five thousand feet off of the Philippines (the Mariana Trench, 35,814 feet below sea level, its bottom, called the Challenger Deep — the deepest point known on Earth. The place that God dug out and founded for them. Think of placing lead weights in balancing your tires.

Psa 104:9 You have set a boundary (what a hydro-system!) that they may not pass over, That they may not return to cover the earth. Psa 104:10 He sends the springs into the valleys; They flow among the hills. Psa 104:11 They give drink to every beast of the field; The wild donkeys quench their thirst. Psa 104:12 By them the birds of the heavens have their home; They sing among the branches.

- Around the springs there is always vegetation growing and the birds surrounding the springs, so the picture of it.

Psa 104:13 He waters the hills from His upper chambers; The earth is satisfied with the fruit of Your works.

- God's creative acts, the setting of it into motion, the rain cycles, and the watering of the hills.

Psa 104:14 He causes the grass to grow for the cattle (animals), And vegetation for the service of man, That He may bring forth food from the earth,

- We see in this whole marvelous food chain how God has provided for man the earth to ***bring forth food***. We've learned how to till the soil, we've learned how to plant, and we've learned how to cultivate in order that we might develop our food from the earth. He causes the grass to grow for the cattle. God never say, "Oops"!

Psa 104:15 And wine that makes glad the heart of man, Oil (olive oil) to make his face shine, And bread which strengthens (re-invigorates) man's heart.

- The wine that makes glad the heart of man" and of course we know how obliviously glad someone can get if they spend too long in the wine. We do know that Jesus turned the water into wine at the marriage feasts in Cana of Galilee. (*Lev 10:9*) *"Do not drink wine or intoxicating drink, you, nor your sons with you, when you go into the tabernacle of meeting, lest you die. It shall be a statute forever throughout your generations,*

Psa 104:16 The trees of the LORD are full of sap, The cedars of Lebanon which He planted,

- The words of sap there are just an addition. It's just that they are full. That is, they drink up the water.

Psa 104:17 Where the birds make their nests; The stork has her home in the fir trees.

- God has placed the trees so the birds can nest in them. For their environment, the wild goats. Not just creating them, but creating an inter dependence!

Psa 104:18 The high hills are for the wild goats; The cliffs are a refuge for the rock badgers. Psa 104:19 He appointed (to mark) the moon for seasons; The sun knows it's going down.

- They had lunar months, so they measured their time by the moon. God provides for His creation.

Psa 104:20 You make darkness, and it is night, In which all the beasts of the forest creep about. Psa 104:21 The young lions roar after their prey, And seek their food from God (entire system – all creation speaking of greater Creator!) Psa 104:22 When the sun rises, they gather together And lie down in their dens. Psa 104:23 Man goes out to his work And to his labor until the evening.

- The nighttime is for the animals to prowl and the daytime for man to prowl. Man got mixed though, he's beginning to prowl at night and he's getting more like an animal too.

Psa 104:24 O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all. The earth is full of Your possessions (creatures) —

- The psalmist talks about this creative genius of God looking around at the universe and looking especially here at the world. He's seeing how God has set the order and established the order. He says, "Lord, in wisdom You've made them all and the earth is full of Your riches."

Psa 104:25 This great and wide sea, In which are innumerable teeming things, Living things both small and great. (tiny shrimp and giant whales)

- He turns now again to the Mediterranean Sea. The innumerable things, the untold billions of small little shells and shell life, great deposits of these shells all over the world. Innumerable, surely you couldn't number them, of creeping things in the ocean.

Psa 104:26 There the ships sail about; There is that Leviathan Which You have made to play there. Psa 104:27 These all wait for You, That You may give them their food in due season.

- God takes care and provides in the food chain even for the whales, the porpoises, and the dolphins.

Psa 104:28 What You give them they gather in; You open Your hand, they are filled with good. Psa 104:29 You hide Your face, they are troubled; You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

- God breathed into man, and he became a living soul.

Psa 104:30 You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; And You renew the face of the earth.

- Every spring we see the renewing of the face of the earth. Isn't it glorious the way the flowers come out in the spring and all? Every single creator is dependent on Him!

Psa 104:31 May the glory of the LORD endure forever; May the LORD rejoice in His works.

- The volcanoes.

Psa 104:32 He looks on the earth, and it trembles; He touches the hills, and they smoke.

Psa 104:33 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

- *As long as I live*, when I'm still here I'm just going to be just singing praise to God. The birds sang God's praises before men were created, but redeemed men will sing His

glories when the birds are no more. Jehovah, whoever lives and makes us to live shall be forever exalted, and extolled in the songs of redeemed men.

Psa 104:34 May my meditation be sweet to Him; I will be glad (will rejoice) in the LORD.

- The proper response to the recognition of God's power, of God's glory and of God Himself as we see Him revealed in nature. It should cause us just to pray to the Lord, to meditate upon Him in sweet meditation being glad in the way God has provided for all things.

Psa 104:35 May sinners be consumed from the earth, And the wicked be no more. Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!

- That day is coming when God will consume the wicked out of the earth, removing anything out of harmony. ***Praise the Lord!*** Let your hearts cry Hallelujah for that is the word in the Hebrew. Heavenly word! Let it close the Psalm: for what more remains to be said or written? Hallelujah! ***Praise the Lord!***

Are we thankful? Are we praising Him? Are we blessings Him?

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING – St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226) William Draper - (born 1855) – Marantha (3:38)

*1 All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam, O praise him, O
praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise him,
alleluia! Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice, O praise him,
O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*3 Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one, O praise him, O
praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

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praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

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