



*Prayer
&
Providence*

Lesson 10 - God is In Control



Learning to Pray from the Psalms

Psalms of Individual Lament

Psalms 88, 102, 120, 140, 142, 143

- Ps 88:2-3 Let my prayer come before You; incline Your ear to my cry. For my soul is full of troubles, and my life draws near to the grave.
- Ps 102:12 But You, O Lord, shall endure forever, and the remembrance of Your name to all generations.
- Ps 140:6 I said to the Lord: "You are my God; Hear the voice of my supplications, O Lord.
- Ps 142:5 I cried out to You, O Lord: I said, "You are my refuge, My portion in the land of the living.
- Ps 143:8 Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning, For in You do I trust; Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, For I lift up my soul to You.



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- God did not create a world in which He had no ability to further control and guide
- Through His divine foresight and forethought, He created a world and established laws through which He could attain His purpose according to His own will
- And through which He could continue to act to achieve His will and purpose
- As the Creator of all things, does not God then have the right and ability to control all things?

A vertical strip on the left side of the slide shows a scenic landscape. It features a dense forest of evergreen trees in the background, a clear blue sky, and a calm body of water in the foreground that perfectly reflects the trees and sky above.

Gen. 1:1 “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

Psa. 33:6 “By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.”

Psa. 148:5-6 “Let them praise the name of the Lord, For He commanded and they were created. He also established them forever and ever; He made a decree which shall not pass away.”

Psa. 103:19-22 “The Lord has established His throne in heaven, And His kingdom rules over all. Bless the Lord, you His angels, Who excel in strength, who do His word, Heeding the voice of His word. Bless the Lord, all you His hosts, You ministers of His, who do His pleasure. Bless the Lord, all His works, In all places of His dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!



John 1:1-3 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.”

Col. 1:16-17 “For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on 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 consist.”

Rev. 4:11 “You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.”



“On the basis of this great creative power, Jehovah claims His control, rule and direction of the universe.”

(Homer Hailey)

Psa. 93:1-2 “The Lord reigns, He is clothed with majesty; The Lord is clothed, He has girded Himself with strength. Surely the world is established, so that it cannot be moved. Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.”



Psalm 104

- 1-2: Controls light and the heavens
- 3-4: Brings water in the clouds; walks on the wings of wind
- 5-8: Laid the foundations and brought waters over mountains; He then 'rebuked' them and they went into the valleys where He founded them
- 9: Put a boundary on the waters, so that they not cover the earth again
- 10-12: Sends the springs; gives drink to every beast of the field




Psalm 104

- 13-15: Waters the hills; gives fruit in its season; causes grass to grow for the cattle, and vegetation for man – so he can bring food from the land – wine, oil, bread – strengthens man’s heart
- 16-17: Plants the trees and makes them grow; gives the birds a place to nest
- 18: Provides cliffs as a refuge for rock badgers and high hills for wild goats
- 19-23: Controls the moon and sun for seasons and days; man and beast carry out their purpose as day and night dictate



Psalm 104

- 24: “O Lord, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all. The earth is full of Your possessions.”
- 25-26: In the seas are ‘innumerable teeming things, living things both small and great’
- 27-30 “These all wait for You, That You may give them their food in due season. What You give them they gather in; You open Your hand, they are filled with good. You hide Your face, they are troubled; You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; And You renew the face of the earth.”



“Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said: ‘Who is this who darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Now prepare yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer Me.’”

Job 38:1-3

Shows that if Job could not answer questions about the workings of things of this world, he was not qualified to question God’s decisions and actions in the world which He created.

Teaches that behind all this that He controls there is purpose. Divine wisdom is revealed through these things and the laws He has put in place.

The Creation, vv. 4-7



Control of the Sea, vv. 8-11



Breaking of Dawn, vv. 12-15



Springs of the Sea, vv. 16-18



The Dwelling of Light, 19-21



Snow and Hail, 22-24



Rain & Ice, 25-30



Heavenly Bodies, 31-33



The Clouds & Rain, 34-38



Lioness & Cubs, 39-40



Raven and its Young, 41



Wild Mountain Goat, 39:1-4



The Wild Donkey, 39:5-8



Wild Ox, 9-12



The Ostrich, 13-18



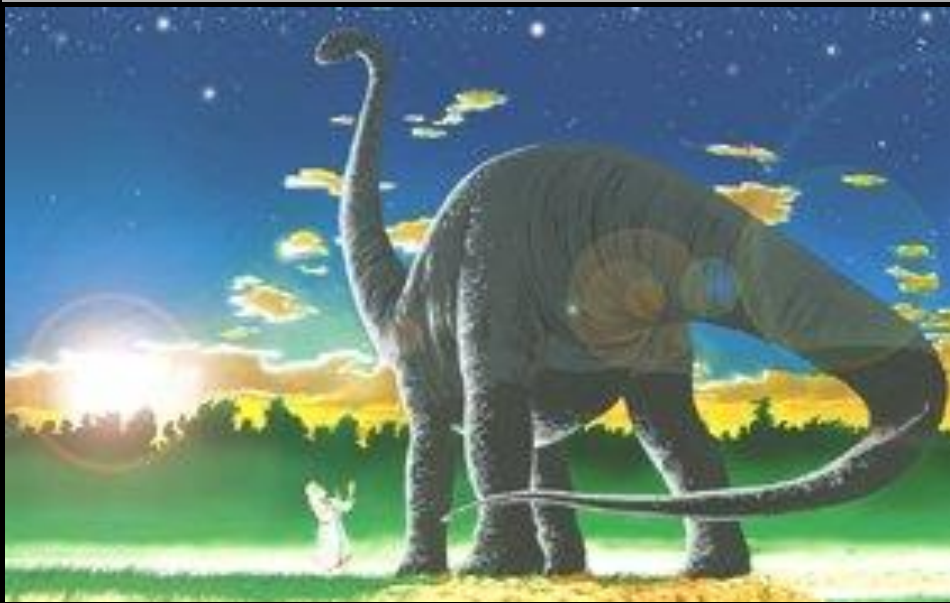
The Horse, 19-25



The Hawk & Eagle, 39:26-30




Behemoth, 40:15-24



Leviathan, 41:1-34





“I know that You can do everything, and that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You.”

Job 42:2

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Matthew 6:25-34



Next Week – Lesson 11 – Providence and the Nations

1. As we consider the providence of God and the Hebrew nation, the account of Joseph is an exceptional example of His providence at work. Note some of the non-miraculous, providential events through the life of Joseph.
2. As the Old Testament progresses, God's providence continues to move His purpose along in the fulfillment of promises and prophecy. Another account we find with notable providential events is the story of Esther. Note some of these events from the book of Esther.
3. As the history of Israel plays out in the Old Testament, we see God using a number of heathen nations to fulfill His purposes. From the passages listed here, note some of these nations and how they were used in relation to Israel: Ex. 3-12; Deut. 28:49-50; Isa. 10:5-7,24-26; Hab. 1:5-11; Jer. 50:17-18; Isa. 13:1,17-20; Isa. 44:28-45:7; Dan. 8.