

## Great Are You Lord; Psalm 150:1-2, 6

- I. Hallelujah!
  - a. A shout of joy, thanks, or praise
  - b. We often use this term when something good has happened – maybe something we had been eagerly waiting for
  - c. “I got that promotion. Hallelujah!”
  - d. In the Hebrew it is literally, “praise the Lord”
  - e. There is a lot to praise the Lord for!
- II. “You Give Life”
  - a. Genesis 2:7 (ESV); then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.
  - b. God took the dust (that he had made on the third day) and created man
    - i. Anatomy is an amazing subject
    - ii. “All the arteries, veins, and capillaries of a human child, stretched end to end, are estimated to wrap around the Earth about 2.5 times (the equivalent of about 60,000 miles). The amount of blood vessels in a human adult would circle our planet four times, equaling 100,000 miles, according to Eidson.” <sup>1</sup>
    - iii. You have about 25 feet of intestines
    - iv. Your brain takes two distinct images (one from each eye) and combines them into one
    - v. Your brain also flips the image it gets from your eyes (the eye is curved so it bends the light producing an upside down image on the retina)
  - c. Then God took His creation (us) and gave us a way to create more humans
    - i. From a tiny egg that is about as thick as a human hair (.1 millimeter) to a 6-9 pound human (the human egg is the largest cell in the body and the only one visible with the naked eye)
    - ii. How does it produce arms, legs, a brain, a heart?
    - iii. There is a DNA code that tells the cell what to do
    - iv. It is called the miracle of childbirth for a reason!
  - d. God created us – He gave us life and the ability to create more life
  - e. He gave us the breath of life – Hallelujah!
- III. Light to the Darkness
  - a. This phrase has several different applications
  - b. God brought light to the darkness in creation
    - i. Genesis 1:3–5 (ESV); <sup>3</sup> And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the

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<sup>1</sup> Rosenfeld, Jordan. “11 Amazing Facts About Veins.” Mental Floss, February 6, 2018.  
<https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/524180/11-amazing-facts-about-veins>.

darkness.<sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

- ii. God created lights in the heavens to rule the seasons, the day, the night, and the darkness
- iii. Genesis 1:14–18 (ESV);<sup>14</sup> And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years,<sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so.<sup>16</sup> And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars.<sup>17</sup> And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth,<sup>18</sup> to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

c. God also brought light (righteousness) into a world full of darkness (evil)

- i. John 1:1–5 (ESV);<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.<sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God.<sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.<sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men.<sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
- ii. In the very world God created, His creation (humanity) seems fit to worship the very evil He overcame through his Son, Jesus (Romans 1:25)
- iii. Just recently there was outrage over the swearing-in of the new Space Force Commander using a Bible
- iv. “The Military Religious Freedom Foundation (MRFF) condemns, in as full-throated a manner as is humanly possible, the shocking and repulsive display of only the most vile, exclusivist, fundamentalist Christian supremacy,” MRFF founder and president Mikey Weinstein wrote in a statement denouncing the Bible blessing.”<sup>2</sup>

d. The good news is that “the Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (John 1:5)

#### IV. Restores Every Heart

- a. Brokenness is real
- b. Sin has separated us, has broken us
- c. Sin has facilitated our ability to create a world where we honor that which is created and not the creator
- d. You don’t have to look too far away from you to see people who are broken and hurting
- e. Restore – put into proper condition (BDAG)
  - i. It is worth it to note that our proper condition was at creation before Adam and Eve sinned

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<sup>2</sup> Welna, David. “Space Force Bible Blessing At National Cathedral Sparks Outrage.” NPR. NPR, January 13, 2020. <https://www.npr.org/2020/01/13/796028336/space-force-bible-blessing-at-national-cathedral-sparks-outrage>.

- ii. We long for that 'garden' relationship – Jesus restores the relationship that sin broke
- iii. Our proper condition is to be in a relationship with God through His Son
- iv. Everything else is brokenness
- v. And only Jesus can restore us to a proper relationship (condition)
- vi. Colossians 2:11–14 (ESV); <sup>11</sup> In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup> having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup> And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup> by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.
- f. We can very easily find ourselves at the end of our rope without Jesus
- g. I would say let go of the rope and fall into the arms of the loving savior who wants to restore your brokenness

V. Great Are You Lord

- a. You give life, You are Love, You bring light to the darkness
- b. You give Hope, You restore every heart that is broken
- c. Great are you Lord!