

## Our Father and Our God

### Part 3

By Boyd Yahn

Hello everyone, it is November the 7<sup>th</sup> of 2023, and this is part 3 of our study of Our Father and Our God. Some years back now I asked a sister her understanding of John 17:3 to get some idea of what they understood or were thinking in regards to that particular scripture.

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The reply kind of surprised me, but folks are where they are and it's interesting to find out without having to be rancorous. We'll just read that passage. John 17, and verse 3. Where it says:

*<sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.*

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She replied, that in her view, Christ was talking about Himself. That He was both the one true God and the one who was sent, which was a version of the Trinity that was actually new to me. I thanked them for their candor and answer and simply moved on in my own studies.

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Part and parcel of that position was the inference that Christ was the Creator, or certainly one of the Creators, as there would have to be two. The word Creator is used in multiple verses and we're told quite plainly that we should think on that very topic.

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And we read of that instruction for us in the book of Ecclesiastes. Ecclesiastes 12, and we are going to read a little bit of that just to set the tone for the whole thing. Ecclesiastes 12, verses 1 – 7.

*<sup>1</sup> Remember now your Creator (That's singular) in the days of your youth, before the difficult days come, and the years draw near when you say, "I have no pleasure in them": <sup>2</sup>while the sun and the light, the moon and the stars, are not darkened, and the clouds do not return after the rain; <sup>3</sup>in the day when the keepers of the house tremble, and the strong men bow down; when the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look through the windows grow dim; <sup>4</sup>when the doors are shut in the streets, and the sound of grinding is low; when one rises up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of music are brought low. <sup>5</sup>Also they are afraid of height, and of terrors in the way; when the almond tree blossoms, the grasshopper is a burden, and desire fails.*

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As we age and get older in this physical thing, physical flesh and tent that we live, in we just slowly run out of gas. Going on:

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*For man goes to his eternal home, and the mourners go about the streets. <sup>6</sup>  
Remember your Creator*

And it's italicized in my copy here in the New King James, and I checked several other translations and it's not there. But the thought is continuous as we go through the passage, so I don't see any issues with it.

*Remember your Creator before the silver cord is loosed, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher shattered at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the well. <sup>7</sup>  
Then the dust*

Which is what we are.

*will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to (the)God (Our Father) who gave it.*

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It would make sense to me that we are to remember our Creator and then we should, at least, to know better who that is. During our physical existence, when we are granted to experience life, we are to consider our Creator. Creator is singular, it is not plural.

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The word Creator is in the Hebrew, H1254, bara, to the best of my pronunciation, and there is nothing real distinctive here that I can see, other than it is singular. When doing such studies, it is helpful to look up the word in every place in the bible to see how it is used in scripture. Such clarity, if there is to be some, can be gleaned.

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This is where a concordance or an aid such as Bible Hub or Blue Letter Bible are very helpful. So, we are going to do that today in this study. Where is the word Creator used? And who is it referencing? So, let's begin.

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Creator shows up five times in Strong's, three times in the Old Testament and two times in the New. In Ecclesiastes 12:1, which we've already read, and this thought was inferred in verse 6, so there is no issue with that that I can see. It also appears in Isaiah; the book of Isaiah lately has just been a gold mine of understanding. It shows up in Isaiah 40, verse 28. And Isaiah 43:15. It's always a good idea to read a little before and after your singling out a scripture so that it reduces the chance that we're contextually making a mistake.

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I'd like to pick that up, in Isaiah 40. And we are going to read verses 18 – 31 and take a good piece of the scripture either side of the one of interest in Isaiah 40:28.

*<sup>18</sup>To whom then will you liken God?*

This is verse 18 of Isaiah 40.

*Or what likeness will you compare to Him? <sup>19</sup>The workman molds an image, the goldsmith overspreads it with gold, and the silversmith casts silver chains. <sup>20</sup>Whoever is too impoverished for such a contribution chooses a tree that will not rot; he seeks for himself a skillful workman to prepare a carved image that will not totter. <sup>21</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? <sup>22</sup>It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in. <sup>23</sup>He brings the princes to nothing; He makes the judges of the earth useless. <sup>24</sup>Scarcely shall they be planted, scarcely shall they be sown, scarcely shall their stock take root in the earth, when He will also blow on them, and they will wither, and the whirlwind will take them away like stubble.*

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So, he's speaking to the capacity of our God.

*<sup>25</sup>"To whom then will you liken Me, or to whom shall I be equal?" says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high, and see who has created these things, who brings out their host by number; He (Not them) calls them all by name, by the greatness of His might and the strength of His power; Not one is missing. <sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel: "My way is hidden from the Lord (From Yehovah), and my just claim is passed over by my God"? <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, Yehovah, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. <sup>30</sup>Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall,*

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We all get old.

*<sup>31</sup>but those who wait on Yehovah shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.*

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Speaking of the regeneration of those who wait on our Father, to spirit life which is promised.

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Well, let's take a look now at the other reference, the reference is in Isaiah 43. Isaiah 43 and we are going to read several verses there to set the context. We'll start in verse one. Our primary focus here will be verse 15.

*<sup>1</sup> But now, thus says Yehovah, who created you, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel:*

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We know that Yehovah is our Father's name, it is not Christ's name.

*"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; you are Mine. <sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you. <sup>3</sup> For I am Yehovah your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I gave Egypt for your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in your place. <sup>4</sup> Since you were precious in My sight, you have been honored, and I have loved you;*

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So, God has a love for the people of Israel. We need to tuck that little thought away.

*therefore, I will give men for you, and people for your life. <sup>5</sup> Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your descendants from the east, and gather you from the west; <sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' And to the south, 'Do not keep them back!' Bring My sons from afar,*

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Indeed, Israel is spoken of as God's Son in scripture, and we'll get into that in a future message.

*and My daughters from the ends of the earth—<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by My name, (Israel) whom I have created*

Not, we have created.

*I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him."<sup>8</sup> Bring out the blind people who have eyes, and the deaf who have ears. <sup>9</sup> Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled. Who among them can declare this, and show us former things? Let them bring out their witnesses, that*

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*they may be justified; or let them hear and say, "It is truth."<sup>10</sup> "You are My witnesses," says Yehovah, "And My servant whom I have chosen,*

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So, God's servant is also a witness to the activities of the Father

*that you may know and believe Me, and understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, nor shall there be after Me.<sup>11</sup> I, even I, am Yehovah, and besides Me there is no savior.<sup>12</sup> I have declared and saved, I have proclaimed, and there was no foreign God among you; therefore, you are My witnesses," Says Yehovah, "that I am God.<sup>13</sup> Indeed before the day was, I am He;*

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So, even before there was days, God the Father existed.

*and there is no one who can deliver out of My hand; I work, and who will reverse it?"<sup>14</sup> Thus says Yehovah, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "For your sake I will send to Babylon, and bring them all down as fugitives— the Chaldeans, who rejoice in their ships.<sup>15</sup> I am Yehovah, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King."*

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Going down into verse 21.

*<sup>21</sup>This people (Israel) I have formed for Myself; they shall declare My praise.*

Let's read verses 25 – 28

*<sup>25</sup>"I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; and I will not remember your sins.<sup>26</sup> Put Me in remembrance;*

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Remember your Creator.

*let us contend together; state your case, that you may be acquitted.<sup>27</sup> Your first father sinned, and your mediators have transgressed against Me.*

And, oh, do we ever like to put mediators between ourselves and our God.

*<sup>28</sup>Therefore I will profane the princes of the sanctuary; I will give Jacob to the curse, and Israel to reproaches.*

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God will do, what He has to do. And again, notice the reference to Ecclesiastes 12, put Me in remembrance, as it says in Isaiah 43, verse 26.

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In the New Testament, Creator is used twice. That's not an awful lot, but let's go and have a look at where that is and see if we can actually learn anything from there that would continue to give us more clarity on who exactly the Creator is or is not.

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So, it's ah, the verse that we are really looking for of course is Romans 1:25, but let's read Romans 1, verses 18 – 25 so that we can begin to get a sense of the text.

*<sup>18</sup>For the wrath of God (Our Father) is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, <sup>19</sup>because what may be known of God*

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And that's indeed what we are looking at here.

*what may be known of (Our Father) is manifest in them, for (Our Father) has shown it to them.*

So, there are people who would seek to hide things about our Father.

*<sup>20</sup>For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made,*

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What was created.

*even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,*

And that's quite a statement.

*<sup>21</sup>because, although they knew God,*

Because they knew our Father or their Father.

*they did not glorify Him as (Their Father), nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup>Professing to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup>and changed the glory of the incorruptible God (The Father) into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. <sup>24</sup>Therefore (Our Father) also gave them up to uncleanness, in*

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*the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, <sup>25</sup>who exchanged the truth of God*

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The truth of our Father.

*for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator,*

Our Father is the Creator

*who is blessed forever. Amen.*

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If we go to I Peter, (I Peter 4:14) and that is where the second reference to Creator is used, it is also capable of getting us additional insight. It's specifically referenced in verse 19, but let's read a few more verses here just to again set the tone.

*<sup>14</sup>If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. <sup>15</sup>But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. <sup>16</sup>Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter. <sup>17</sup>For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?*

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The gospel of their Father. It says:

*<sup>18</sup>Now "If the righteous one is scarcely saved, where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?" <sup>19</sup>Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God*

The will of our Father.

*commit their souls to Him (Our Father) in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.*

0:17:46

Well, that's pretty succinct, showing God, our Father, is our Creator. We can now move on in our study to look up, "to create" and "created", to see if that is supported in the record to what we have learned so far.

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Some of these may be redundant from the past couple of studies, but our focus is to the action of creation by the Creator. So, if we go back into our, getting ever more familiar,

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book of Isaiah. Let's take a little read of Isaiah 4, and where we will read verses 3 – 6 where it says:

*<sup>3</sup>And it shall come to pass that he who is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy—everyone who is recorded among the living in Jerusalem.*

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There's a lot of water that has to go under the bridge until we get to this part.

*<sup>4</sup>When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged the blood of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and by the spirit of burning, <sup>5</sup>then*

Not until then.

*Yehovah will create above every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and above her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night. For over all the glory there will be a covering.*

0:19:29

Isn't that an interesting little statement.

*<sup>6</sup>And there will be a tabernacle for shade in the daytime from the heat, for a place of refuge, and for a shelter from storm and rain.*

Well, where is it that we have heard, or seen the Father act in a similar manner? Well, I think most of you would recognize something similar in that, but let's just take a little look at that as a little bit of a sidebar here.

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But if we go to Exodus 13, we're going to read verses 21 and 22.

*<sup>21</sup>And Yehovah went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so as to go by day and night. <sup>22</sup>He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day or the pillar of fire by night from before the people.*

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So, we can see the same kind of display, the same kind of miraculous intervention marking God's presence and what He is all about. If we go to verse 19 of Exodus 14, notice something interesting. Here in the English, it says:



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<sup>19</sup>*And the Angel of God,*

The one place we see Yehovah went before them and here we see another personality in the Bible, they referred to as the Angel of God, the Messenger of God.

*who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud went from before them and stood behind them.*

0:21:11

Here we see two beings present in the Exodus, and that should not surprise us very much. If we go to Isaiah 63; Isaiah 63 and verse 9 we'll read:

<sup>9</sup>*In all their affliction He was afflicted, and (The Malak) the angel of His presence saved them; in His love and in His pity He redeemed them; and He bore them and carried them all the days of old.*

0:21:46

Well, who could that possibly be? Well, we're given additional clarification of the Angel of His presence, the Messenger of His presence, in I Corinthians 10; I Corinthians 10, and verse 4. Speaking of the event of all of them coming out of Egypt.

<sup>4</sup>*and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them,*

And we read about that in Exodus 14:19.

*and that rock was Christ.*

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So, we're given additional clarification; Christ was not Yehovah, but was He there with Yehovah? Yes, He was, and that's exactly what we would expect. Christ functions as a Messenger of God in the New Testament. God told Him what to say and to speak, at least that's what He said in John; in the book of John, chapter 12 and we read this before, but it's a very, very important scripture. 49 and 50; John 12:49-50.

<sup>49</sup>*For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak.*

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Well, was He functioning as a Messenger of His Father? Yes!

<sup>50</sup>*And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak."*

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So, if we want to look around and see if there is a Being that functions as a Messenger to Yehovah in the Old Testament, it probably wouldn't be a real bad idea to look around and see if we can find one.

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The Old Testament, in Zechariah 13:7.

*<sup>7</sup>“Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, (Who we would recognize as Christ) against the Man who is My Companion,”*

Or “who is my Fellow”, in other translations.

*says Yehovah of hosts. ...*

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If we go on it our study, specific to topic here, and we've read this before, but in is a very important piece of the puzzle, where we're specifically looking for a Being that is the Creator and to see whether or not it refers to Christ or whether it refers to the Father.

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In Isaiah 45, verses 6 and 7, let's read that. It says:

*<sup>6</sup>that they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting that there is none besides Me. I am the Lord, and there is no other”*,

The Lord, of course, we would understand to be Yehovah.

*<sup>7</sup>I form the light and create darkness, I make peace and create calamity; I, Yehovah, do all these things.'*

That's pretty plain; He is the Creator.

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And can we see a similarity, prophetically, way down the road, where He is still continuing to function as the Creator? Well, let's have a look at Isaiah 65; Isaiah 65 and verse 13.

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*<sup>13</sup>Therefore thus says the Lord God: "Behold, My servants shall eat, but you shall be hungry; behold, My servants shall drink, but you shall be thirsty; behold, My ...*

Who are we supposed to be servants of? We are supposed to serve Him, Him only shall you serve. We are to be servants of Yehovah.

0:25:45

But if we go down to verses 17 and 18, now that we positively identified the Being that is speaking in verse 13 let's go to verse 17 and 18.

*<sup>17</sup>"For behold, I*

We now know the "I" is our Father.

*create new heavens and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered or come to mind. <sup>18</sup>But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing, and her people a joy.*

0:26:20

So, sure sounds like the future is going to be an awful lot similar to the past in regards to who creates what.

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Let's now, as we continue this study, take a look at the word "created" to see if there is anything we might glean from that. Well, let's go to the very start of the Bible, Genesis 1:1. Ah, Genesis 1:1 it says:

*<sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

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Who is God here? The word is Elohim, it is plural, and it means, mighty ones. And it has to be to accommodate passages, such as I Corinthians 8:6; I Corinthians 8:6, if I can just flip there. Ah, it's:

*<sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father,*

And we've been on that theme for a while.

*of whom are all things,*

0:27:37

So, from what we've read so far, He's the one that puts it in place.

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*and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live.*

We get some additional clarification to remove some of the dualities that we can get carried away with, if we go into the book of Acts; Acts 17, verses 23 – 31.

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Paul speaking:

*<sup>23</sup> ... as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: <sup>24</sup> God,*

And we have been substituting our Father, because that is exactly what it is, Theos.

*(But the God) who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. <sup>25</sup> Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all (breath and all) things.*

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Well, "all" is pretty large.

*<sup>26</sup> And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, <sup>27</sup> so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; <sup>28</sup> for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.' <sup>29</sup> Therefore, since we are the offspring of (the) God,*

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We are actually a creation of God.

*we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising. <sup>30</sup> Truly, these times of ignorance (the) God (Our Father) overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. (Jesus Christ)*

So, there is no mistaking who the God is, who it refers to, has made the world and everything in it. It's the Father.

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If we go, and I can't read my own hieroglyphics here. Sorry, let's go to II Corinthians then, since I can't read my own writing. II Corinthians 4; II Corinthians 4 and we'll take a look at verses 4 – 6. Again, to give us some additional clarification in who is the Creator. II Corinthians 4 and we'll read verse 4.

*<sup>4</sup> whose minds the God of this age has blinded,*

0:30:56

So, there's been a deliberate attempt to hide many things.

*who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of (the) God.*

Who is the image of our Father.

*should shine on them. <sup>5</sup>For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus's (or Yeshua's) sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God (Our Father) who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of (Our Father) in the face of Jesus Christ.*

0:31:30

Well, let's go to, as we walk down this road, can we get some further clarification of this theme? And the scriptural references are actually quite clear on this stuff. Genesis 6, and go to Genesis 6 and we'll read verses 6 and 7. Here we have it singled out again, with Yehovah being referenced.

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Let's read that, Genesis 6.

*<sup>6</sup>And Yehovah was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. <sup>7</sup>So Yehovah said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, ...*

0:32:22

So, there is no mistaking the Being that was there. And I was just able to remember how to read my hieroglyphics. We'd gone to I Corinthians 8:6 to show that Christ was involved, the Father was the Creator, but He worked with and through Christ, and we see that in the book of John.

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I'll just bring that up to speed here for your notes. John 1, verse 3.

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<sup>3</sup>*All things were made through Him (Christ), and without Him nothing was made that was made.*

And we see the same thing in John 1:10.

<sup>10</sup>*He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.*

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And we'll get some more clarification on that as we go forward in this study. Genesis 6, I thought, was a very clear reference about who made what, and we can see something similar in Deuteronomy 4; Deuteronomy 4 and we are going to read verses 32 – 39. Deuteronomy 4, verses 32 – 39

<sup>32</sup>*For ask now concerning the days that are past, which were before you, since the day that God created man on the earth, and ask from one end of heaven to the other, whether any great thing like this has happened, or anything like it has been heard. <sup>33</sup>Did any people ever hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and live*

0:34:12

You know, I've heard it said that nobody has heard the voice of God, well, how can this possibly be true, if that's true?

<sup>34</sup>*Or did Yehovah ever try to go and take for Himself a nation from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great terrors, according to all that Yehovah your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? <sup>35</sup>To you it was shown, that you might know that Yehovah Himself is God;*

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The one true God.

*there is none other besides Him. <sup>36</sup>Out of heaven He let you hear His voice, that He might instruct you; on earth He showed you His great fire, and you heard His words out of the midst of the fire.*

0:35:03

You know, out of heaven He let you hear His voice; that's instructive.

<sup>37</sup>*And because He loved your fathers,*

So, our Father loves people, and He remembers that. And I think that is very important to latch on to.

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*therefore He chose their descendants after them;*

God knows.

*and He brought you out of Egypt with His Presence,*

0:35:36

So, was the Father involved, did He have a presence? Well, did we not read that in Exodus 13? Of course, He was.

*with His mighty power, <sup>38</sup>driving out from before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in, to give you their land as an inheritance, as it is this day.*

*<sup>39</sup>Therefore know this day, and consider it in your heart, that Yehovah Himself is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other.*

That seems rather straight forward. It also tells us that God's memory is pretty decent.

0:36:15

Well, let's go to Psalm 89; Psalm 89 and we will read verses 1 – 12, to see if the theme is consistent there.

*<sup>1</sup> I will sing of the mercies of Yehovah forever; with my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations. <sup>2</sup>For I have said, "Mercy shall be built up forever; your faithfulness You shall establish in the very heavens." <sup>3</sup>"I have made a covenant with My chosen, I have sworn to My servant David: <sup>4</sup>Your seed I will establish forever, and build up your throne to all generations."*

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The Davidic throne is with us to this day; the promise of God that it would be so. God is true to His promises.

*<sup>5</sup>And the heavens will praise Your wonders, O Yehovah; Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the saints. <sup>6</sup>For who in the heavens can be compared to Yehovah? Who among the sons of the mighty can be likened to Yehovah? <sup>7</sup>God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be held in reverence by all those around Him. <sup>8</sup>O Yehovah (God) of hosts, who is mighty like You, O Lord? Your faithfulness also surrounds You. <sup>9</sup>You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, You still them. <sup>10</sup>You have broken Rahab in pieces, as one who is slain; You have scattered Your enemies with Your mighty arm. <sup>11</sup>The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours; the world and all its fullness, You have founded them. <sup>12</sup>The north and the south, You have created them; ...*

Pretty straight forward.

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Psalm 102; Psalm 102, and we'll read verses 16 -22.

*<sup>16</sup>For Yehovah shall build up Zion; He shall appear in His glory. <sup>17</sup>He shall regard the prayer of the destitute, and shall not despise their prayer. <sup>18</sup>This will be written for the generation to come, that a people yet to be created*

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So, people, to God, are created beings.

*a people yet to be created may praise Yehovah. <sup>19</sup>For He looked down from the height of His sanctuary; from heaven the Lord viewed the earth, <sup>20</sup>to hear the groaning of the prisoner, to release those appointed to death, <sup>21</sup>to declare the name of the Lord in Zion, and His praise in Jerusalem, <sup>22</sup>when the peoples are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to serve Yehovah.*

People are created beings; well, who knew?

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Well, there's that, go to, scripture for me, and I apologize for going to it once again, but it just, it says so much. And it's it Job 34; Job 34, and verses 14 and 15.

*<sup>14</sup>If He (Yehovah) should set His heart on it, if He should gather to Himself His Spirit and His breath, <sup>15</sup>all flesh would perish together, and man would return to dust.*

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So, by sending forth His Spirit and His breath, beings, like you and I, are in fact created. If we go, carrying on in Psalm 104; Psalm 104 and let's look at verse 24 specifically. But we will read a little bit around it, because that's always a good idea. Let's start in verse 19.

*<sup>19</sup>He appointed the moon for seasons;*

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And we know that the moon is used for identifying the timing of the moadim.

*the sun knows it's going down; <sup>20</sup>You make darkness, and it is night, in which all the beasts of the forest creep about. <sup>21</sup>The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their food from God. <sup>22</sup>When the sun rises, they gather together and lie down in their dens. <sup>23</sup>Man goes out to his work and to his labor until the evening. <sup>24</sup>O Yehovah, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all. The earth is full of Your possessions— <sup>25</sup>this great and wide sea, in which are*



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*innumerable teeming things, living things both small and great. <sup>26</sup>There the ships sail about; there is that Leviathan which You have made to play there.*

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It is so important when we read these passages, who is you? Well, we saw that in verse 24, O Yehovah.

*<sup>27</sup>These all wait for You, that You may give them their food in due season. <sup>28</sup>What You give them they gather in; You open Your hand, they are filled with good.*

*<sup>29</sup>You hide Your face, they are troubled; You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.*

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Exactly like we read in the book of Job.

*<sup>30</sup>You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; and You renew the face of the earth.*

The new life coming forth is an act of creation by our Father, and I can't say that I ever joined the dots on that personally before.

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Well, let's go to Psalm 148; Psalm 148 and see if we can find anything there that might further substantiate where we're going with this. Psalm 148.

*<sup>1</sup> Praise Yehovah! Praise Yehovah from the heavens; praise Him in the heights!*

*<sup>2</sup>Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts! <sup>3</sup>Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you stars of light! <sup>4</sup>Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, and you waters above the heavens! <sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of Yehovah, for He commanded and they were created. <sup>6</sup>He also established them forever and ever; He made a decree which shall not pass away.*

It might be hard to praise His name if we didn't know it, wouldn't you think?

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Well, let's go back into Isaiah, and we are going to read Isaiah 41, verses 17 – 20. It says:

*<sup>17</sup>"The poor and needy seek water, but there is none, their tongues fail for thirst. I, Yehovah, will hear them; I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them. <sup>18</sup>I will open rivers in desolate heights, and fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water,*

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*and the dry land springs of water. <sup>19</sup>I will plant in the wilderness the cedar and the acacia tree, the myrtle and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the cypress tree and the pine and the box tree together, <sup>20</sup>that they may see and know, and consider and understand together, that the hand of Yehovah has done this, and the Holy One of Israel has created it.*

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Well, let's roll over the page to Isaiah 42 (Verse 1)

*<sup>1</sup> "Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights!*

Does Yehovah have a servant? Just in passing, of course He does.

*I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles. <sup>2</sup>He will not cry out, nor raise His voice, nor cause His voice to be heard in the street. <sup>3</sup>A bruised reed He will not break, and smoking flax He will not quench;*

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He, the Father, knows His Son, what He will do and what He won't do.

*He will bring forth justice for truth. <sup>4</sup>He will not fail nor be discouraged,*

The Father has absolute confidence in His Son.

*<sup>4</sup>He will not fail nor be discouraged, till He has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands shall wait for His law." <sup>5</sup>Thus says God the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it, and spirit to those who walk on it:*

He is the Creator.

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Isaiah 43; Isaiah 43, verses 1 – 7.

*<sup>1</sup> But now, thus says Yehovah, who created you, O Jacob,*

So, our Father claims to be the Creator of Israel.

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*and He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; you are Mine." <sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you. <sup>3</sup> For I am Yehovah your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I gave Egypt for your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in your place. <sup>4</sup> Since you were precious in My sight, you have been honored, and I have loved you; therefore, I will give men for you, and people for your life. <sup>5</sup> Fear not, for I am with you;*

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And speaking of the restoration, it's very much on our Father's mind.

*I will bring your descendants from the east, and gather you from the west; <sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' And to the south, 'Do not keep them back!' Bring My sons from afar, and My daughters from the ends of the earth—<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by My name, whom I have created for My glory;*

So, God creates life for His glory; it tells us so.

*I have formed him, yes, I have made him."*

0:46:37

In the Old Testament, in the book of Malachi, we get a little more information. It just seems there is hardly any end to these things and I don't know why I never paid attention to this before. Malachi 2:10. Maybe it just wasn't time, I'm not sure. Where it says:

*<sup>10</sup> Have we not all one Father? Has not one God created us? ...*

So, here, even in the Old Testament, we can see that, God equals Father. Never saw that before either.

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Let's go into the New Testament. The book of Mark, Mark 13 and verse 19. This is one of those little, it kind of pops the eyes out of your head again. It did for me anyway.

*<sup>19</sup> For in those days there will be tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the creation which God created until this time, nor ever shall be.*

So, here we have Christ Himself saying who's the Creator. It's God, it's His Father.

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And that ties in all nice with Revelation 4:11, which we've read. It says:

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*<sup>11</sup>“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.”*

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There's no disharmony there that I can see. Revelation 10:6.

*<sup>6</sup>and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, ...*

Did Christ know, did He know all of these things?

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Well, what about John 5:44 as we begin to wind down here. Christ speaking, He said:

*<sup>44</sup>How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God?*

The only God is the Creator. All life flows from Him, including His Son.

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John 6:57

*<sup>57</sup>As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, ...*

The sons live because of their fathers. In the previous study, we learned that the Father will not give His glory to another. He is the Creator, and He will give His Sons the glory which He wills to do.

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He is the Father of Glory, the King of Glory. Let's just finish up in Psalm 24, I'm running out of time here, so let's go to Psalm 24, and that will be our concluding scripture for today. Psalm 24; Psalm 24

*<sup>1</sup> The earth is Yehovah's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein. <sup>2</sup>For He has founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the waters. <sup>3</sup>Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who may stand in His holy place? <sup>4</sup>He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, nor sworn deceitfully. <sup>5</sup>He shall receive blessing from Yehovah, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. <sup>6</sup>This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him, who seek Your face. Selah <sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. <sup>8</sup>Who is this King of glory?*

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I will not give My glory to anybody else. God the Father, our Father, is the King of glory, He's the Father of glory

*<sup>8</sup>Who is this King of glory? Yehovah strong and mighty, Yehovah mighty in battle.*

*<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. <sup>10</sup>Who is this King of glory? Yehovah of hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah*

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Do we now have the scriptural record of who the Creator is and can we see, perhaps, the lengths that have been gone to, have been taken, to hide Him from our understanding?