

Authenticity from the Rivers, Sea, Ark, Earth and Blood

God's Eternal Existence! (Slide 1)

Reading: Psalm 147:1-6

So many are looking for “*proof of life*” when it comes to God and all that truly is needed is to look around. Man’s discovery, “What God already knew” (*Cartersville church of Christ 2021 sermon outlines*), is proof of His eternal existence.

The paths of sea-the rivers and oceans!

Psalm 8:3-9 (Slide 2)

***3 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,
The moon and the stars, which You have ordained;***

***4 What is man that You take thought of him,
And the son of man that You care for him?***

***5 Yet You have made him a little lower than God,
And You crown him with glory and majesty!***

(Slide 3) ***6 You make him to rule over the works of Your hands; You have
put all things under his feet,***

***7 All sheep and oxen,
And also the beasts of the field,***

8 The birds of the heavens and the fish of the sea,
(Slide 4) ***Whatever passes through the paths of the seas.***

***9 O LORD, our Lord,
How majestic is Your name in all the earth!***

Several of the earth’s treasures are mentioned in this short passage of scripture. However, I want to focus on the phrase ***paths of the seas***.

(Slide 5) *Matthew Fontaine Maury* nicknamed the “*Pathfinder of the Seas*” was a legend in oceanography. He studied thousands of documents recorded by sea goers and from them developed instructions on how to use ocean currents for more efficient travel.

He once stated, “I have been blamed by men of science, both in this country and in England, for quoting the Bible in confirmation of the doctrines of physical geography. The Bible, they say, was not written for scientific purposes, and is therefore no authority in matters of science. (Slide 6) I beg pardon! The Bible is authority for everything it touches. What would you think of an historian who should refuse to consult historical records of the Bible, because the Bible was not written for the purposes of history? The Bible is true and science is true” Lewis, Charles Lee (1927), Matthew Fontaine Maury: The Pathfinder of the seas.

A Statue was erected honoring Maury with **Psalm 8:8** etched into the stone.

Ecclesiastes 1:3-7 (Slide 7)

3 What advantage does man have in all his work

Which he does under the sun?

4 A generation goes and a generation comes,

But the earth remains forever.

5 Also, the sun rises and the sun sets;

And hastening to its place it rises there again.

(Slide 8) **6 Blowing toward the south,**

Then turning toward the north,

The wind continues swirling along;

And on its circular courses the wind returns.

7 All the rivers flow into the sea,

Yet the sea is not full.

To the place where the rivers flow,

There they flow again.

There are a great many rivers which empty out into the oceans and the fact that the ocean never over *fills* is an incredible natural phenomenon. It's estimated that by calculating *feed rate* that from the Mississippi River over *6 million gallons of water per second* empties out into what is now known as the "*Gulf of America.*" (*Formerly Gulf of Mexico*)

With that incredible amount of water, how does the ocean not overflow? Scientists have determined that the reaction of fresh and saltwater mix causes the water to evaporate quickly and to return in the form of clouds which create moisture of which all life benefits. This is known as, "*The Water Cycle.*"

It could only be the design of a "*Living God.*"

Job 38:12-18 (Slide 9)

***12 "Have you ever in your life commanded the morning,
And caused the dawn to know its place,***

***13 That it might take hold of the ends of the earth,
And the wicked be shaken out of it?***

***14 "It is changed like clay under the seal;
(Slide 10) And they stand forth like a garment.***

***15 "From the wicked their light is withheld,
And the uplifted arm is broken.***

***16 "Have you entered into the springs of the sea
Or walked in the recesses of the deep?***

(Slide 11) **17 “Have the gates of death been revealed to you, Or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?**

**18 “Have you understood the expanse of the earth?
Tell Me, if you know all this.**

I certainly don't understand it all but God, the earth's designer already knew all of this before mankind discovered what was already there. It has been proven that there are “*Springs in the depths of the ocean.*” Proof of Life from God's living word!

The Ark!!

Genesis 6:14-15 (Slide 12)

14 Make for yourself an ark of gopher wood; you shall make the ark with rooms, and shall cover it inside and out with pitch. 15 This is how you shall make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its breadth fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits.

Modern day shipbuilders use this same ratio 30 to 5, because it has been proven to produce a sea worthy vessel even under the most extreme conditions. God's formula works!

The Blood!!

Leviticus 17:10-14 (Slide 13)

10 ‘And any man from the house of Israel, or from the aliens who sojourn among them, who eats any blood, I will set My face against that person who eats blood and will cut him off from among his people. 11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood, (Slide 14) and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement.’ 12 Therefore I said to the sons of Israel, ‘No person among you may eat blood, nor may any alien who sojourns among you eat blood.’ (Slide 15) 13 So when any man from the sons of Israel, or from the aliens who

sojourn among them, in hunting catches a beast or a bird which may be eaten, he shall pour out its blood and cover it with earth.

(Slide 16) ***14 "For as for the life of all flesh, its blood is identified with its life. Therefore I said to the sons of Israel, 'You are not to eat the blood of any flesh, for the life of all flesh is its blood; whoever eats it shall be cut off.'***

Why anyone would eat or drink blood even without this mandate from God is beyond my understanding. Blood has a distinct taste and pools of blood have a distinct smell. Neither are pleasant.

There was a time that many believed that "*bleeding out*" certain amounts of blood from the body offered a healing effect when in reality a person just became weaker and more sickly. Remove enough blood and we expire.

Why? Obviously, life is in the blood. Blood carries oxygen and nutrients throughout our bodies to the entirety of it to keep each intricate part alive and to allow our bodies to function properly.

Each red blood cell carries 270,000,000 molecules of *hemoglobin*. *Hemoglobin* is a *protein* cell in which the oxygen binds itself and is carried throughout the blood in a system of veins, capillaries, and arteries that are 60,000 miles long. "*Proof of Life! Proof of an Eternal Creator!*"

The Earth!!

Isaiah 40:18-26 (Slide 17)

***18 To whom then will you liken God?
Or what likeness will you compare with Him?***

***19 As for the idol, a craftsman casts it,
A goldsmith plates it with gold,
And a silversmith fashions chains of silver.***

(Slide 18) ***20 He who is too impoverished for such an offering Selects a tree that does not rot;***

***He seeks out for himself a skillful craftsman
To prepare an idol that will not totter.***

21 Do you not know? Have you not heard?

(Slide 19) Has it not been declared to you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

22 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

(Slide 20) And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.

23 He it is who reduces rulers to nothing,

Who makes the judges of the earth meaningless.

24 Scarcely have they been planted,

Scarcely have they been sown,

Scarcely has their stock taken root in the earth,

(Slide 21) But He merely blows on them, and they wither,

And the storm carries them away like stubble.

25 "To whom then will you liken Me

That I would be his equal?" says the Holy One.

26 Lift up your eyes on high

And see who has created these stars,

(Slide 22) The One who leads forth their host by number,

He calls them all by name;

Because of the greatness of His might and the strength of His power, Not one of them is missing.

There is much more written in Isaiah that are "Proofs of Life" for Jehovah God, but I want to call your attention to the phrase "***circle of the earth.***"

Most people, even in the days of Columbus, believed the earth to be a circle that is; *round*. Their belief is based on this very verse in Isaiah. Mythical

writers concocted the story of the *"Flat Earth."* And as so often is the case, they have their followers who have no faith in the Holy Scriptures.

"Columbus, if you go too far you will sail off the edge!"

Columbus didn't set sail to prove the earth was round but to discover new lands. But in his and other voyages they substantiated the *proofs* of the Bible. Modern Space travel has given us stunning pictures of the shape of the earth created by the *"Voice of God."*

Genesis 1:1-10 (Slide 23)

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. 3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. (Slide 24) 4 God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light day, and the darkness He called night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

6 Then God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, (Slide 25) and let it separate the waters from the waters." 7 God made the expanse, and separated the waters which were below the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse; and it was so. 8 God called the expanse heaven. (Slide 26) And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

9 Then God said, "Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so. 10 God called the dry land earth, and the gathering of the waters He called seas; and God saw that it was good.

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I have heard it said that it wasn't written as a history book, but boy does it have a lot of history in and amongst all the sciences.

I agree, it wasn't written as either but the facts prove that there is a God and we grow closer to Him, our faith increases and in awe of His mighty works we wish to serve Him more fully! The Bible was written to bring us to Christ and we can physically see its authenticity!!

Invitation

*Today, His Son offers His invitation. Hear His voice as He says **come unto me** and obey. Become a child of God through Baptism.*

He also calls the weary and heavy laden to come. If you are in Christ but are carrying a spiritually heavy load, let your Brethren pray for you to have the burden lifted.

Please let us know how we can assist you this day.....

Reading

Psalm 147:1-6

1 Praise the LORD!

For it is good to sing praises to our God;

For it is pleasant and praise is becoming.

2 The LORD builds up Jerusalem;

He gathers the outcasts of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted

And binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars;

He gives names to all of them.

5 Great is our Lord and abundant in strength;

His understanding is infinite.

6 The LORD supports the afflicted;

He brings down the wicked to the ground.

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