

The Wednesday Word, February 14, 2018: Is It Enough to Be Created for Him? Part 1

"For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:" Colossians 1:16

This gripping text declares that we have been created both by and for Jesus. Although it's good to know we are created by the Lord and didn't just crawl out from under some log, it's even better to know we were created for Him. This is a transforming truth. Think of it, the reason we are alive is not for ourselves but for Him.

God has created us for an immediate purpose which is neither concealed nor obscure Purpose?

Yes, our purpose is to live for Christ Jesus (Revelation 4:11). Of course, we will not see the unfolding of His purpose in its fullness till we meet Him face to face. But in the meantime, it's a simple arrangement, He died for us and we live for Him.

I've discovered that when we really believe we were created for Him there are fewer anxieties in our lives. There is less fussing, fewer fights and a reduced amount of pettiness.

We have been created on purpose and that purpose is to live for Jesus. Remember this, His love was set upon us before the dawn of time (Ephesians 1:4). He created us. He loves us personally and specifically. We all know God is love, but it's much more satisfying to know He loves us in particular.

Do we know that Jesus has created, loved, lived for, died for and has risen again for us? Has this truth gripped us?

That all things are, "created for Him," is beautifully illustrated in the book of Jonah. There we encounter the fleeing prophet. Poor Jonah, the Lord had told him to preach at Nineveh, but he refused and tried to get away. He's forgotten that he was created for the Lord. Instead, he rose up and fled! Disobedience had made him dumb in both senses of the word. Here's a prophet who had forgotten good Bible doctrine. He'd forgotten that it is impossible to get away from God. Listen to these words,

"Whither shall I go from thy Spirit or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend into heaven, Thou art there; if I make my bed in hell thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea even there shall thy hand lead me." Psalm 139: 7-12

Jonah had risen up to flee from the presence and purpose of the Lord. There he is trying to get away from the omnipresent God in a puny little ship that, at best, limped from port to port. Look at it as it makes its weary way across the sea. So the Lord sent a great wind into the sea. It's as if God said to the wind, "Wind, I've got a disobedient prophet out on the water; go out there and blow Him home to me. And the wind said, "Yes Lord, I was created by you and I am created for you, do with me according to Thy good pleasure".

Of course, you know the story how the wind nearly sank the ship and Jonah volunteered to be thrown overboard to quell the storm. Thus, the storm was stopped but Jonah is now in the “Sea of No Hope and Fewer Prospects!” So the Lord prepared a big fish and said, “Listen to me fish, I have a disobedient prophet out there and I want you to swallow him but don’t chew him up. Don’t eat him. Hold him like he’s in hell and after three days vomit him up on the shore”. And I think I hear the fish say, “Lord I was created by you and I am created for you. Your wish is my command.”

What immense joy comes from knowing we are created for Him.

Next time (DV) we will continue this thought.

And that’s the Gospel Truth!