

Morning Sermon November 1, 2015

“Creation Awaiting Our Redemption!” Romans 8:19-22

¹⁹ For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected *it* in hope; ²¹ because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. (Romans 8:19-22 NKJ)

If I could talk to the animals or the rocks could speak, what would they say? What are they waiting for? What are they EXCITED about?

The words above words “earnest expectation” and “eagerly waits” in the Greek, picture for us a straining of the neck, a standing on the toes to see; a part of creation, like Zacchaeus, might climb a tree; to witness the revealing of the sons of God!

I. Who are the sons of God?

1. Those who are led by the Spirit and cry “Abba, Father” – (Romans 8:14-15 NKJ)

2. Those who love God, those who are being “comformed” to Christ’s image – (Romans 8:28-29 NKJ)

II. What part of creation is referenced here? *In Romans 8:19-22*

The non-rational creation, animate and inanimate! Not Angels, demons or human beings but rocks and trees and skies and seas, birds and bees and creeping things, etc...

III. Why is creation excited about our redemption?

As our fall brought its fall; so our redemption will bring its redemption! There is a reversal of the curse ...

^{NKJ} Revelation 21:1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth (Revelation 21:1 NKJ)

⁴ “And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.” (Revelation 21:4 NKJ)

³ And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. (Revelation 22:3 NKJ)

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns; Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.

The song, “Joy to the World” has themes similar to Romans 8:

**Romans 8 the creation is eagerly waiting*

** “Joy to the World” fields, floods, rocks, hills and plains are SINGING, repeating the SOUNDING JOY!*

This is part of the JOY of Christians, not only does Jesus Christ save people ultimately He saves the Universe!

IV. Why it is so important to have your world view right –

1. Biblical World View – The Bible is clear in its teaching!

A. God created the Heavens and the Earth, the entire universe – Genesis 1:1

^{NKJ} Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (Gen 1:1 NKJ)

The Bible teaches God created and is above the Heavens and the Earth, this means:

A. He is separate from the Creation, not part of it

B. He is over them (the Heavens and the Earth), in control of them – **Colossians 1:16-17**

C. He is not the late invention of human beings who evolved from pond scum

D. The Bible teaches a Creator God, not a mother earth or mother nature

E. God owns the earth and everything in it –

^{NKJ} Psalm 24:1 <A Psalm of David.> The earth is the LORD'S, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein. (Psalm 24:1 NKJ)

F. *God created human beings in His image to fill and rule the earth –*

²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷ So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." (Genesis 1:26-28 NKJ)

G. *Creation has been God's tool, to encourage righteousness and to punish immorality and ungodliness —*

Genesis 6:5-7:24 God judges the world with a flood

- Exodus 9:23-29 God brings hail and fire on Egypt
- Leviticus 26:19-20 God threatens a drought
- Deut. 11:13-15 God promises rain as a reward
- Deut. 28:24 God threatens drought as a punishment
- Joshua 10:11 God brings LARGE hail on the Amorites
- I Samuel 7:10 God's loud thunder confuses the Philistines
- I Sam.12:16-18 God makes a point / response to Samuel
- II Sam. 21:1 God causes famine due to unrepented of sin
- I Kings 8:35-36 God brings rain and healing upon repentance
- I Kings 17:1-7 God withholds rain, due to sin
- I Kings 18:41-45 God ends drought / Elijah's prayer
- Amos 4:6-10 God withheld rain (part of ineffective work)
- Jonah 1:4,10-15 God uses the storm / Jonah to Nineveh
- Matthew 5:45 God rains on the just and unjust
- Mark 4:39-41 Christ commands the wind and waves
- Revelation 16:21 God brings hail as punishment

After the flood God promised climate stability until the end of the world -

²¹ ... Then the LORD said in His heart, "I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart *is* evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done. ²² "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease." (Genesis 8:21-22 NKJ)

He promised never again to destroy the world with a flood –

¹¹ "Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹² And God said: "This *is* the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that *is* with you, for perpetual generations: ¹³ "I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. (Genesis 9:11-13 NKJ)

The Why did God bring the great flood upon mankind? Because of immorality and ungodliness -

⁵ Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. ⁶ And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. ⁷ So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." (Genesis 6:5-7 NKJ)

2. *An anti-God, carnal mind, enmity against God world-view –*
⁷ **Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. (Romans 8:7 NKJ)**
 - A. *If there is an god or goddess, he / she is part of this world, grows up out of the earth, God is a figment of our imagination*
 - B. *Man is not created in God's image / nor is he a ruler over creation, nor is he more valuable than animals*
 - C. *Man's imagined rule over nature has led to destruction of the earth, man needs to see himself as just another animal and behave himself accordingly –*
 - D. *Morality is not important / environmentalism replaces it –*
 - E. *The rainbow is not a symbol of God's covenant but rather of being pro-gay, etc...*

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Paul Ehrlich, currently a professor at Stanford University, and a man respected by those who believe in Global Warming, is known for his WRONG PREDICTIONS from his 1968 book the population bomb and several books written after.