



## How Excellent Your Name



"O Lord, our Lord, how excellent Your name is,  
How excellent Your name in all the earth!  
Your glory fills the heavens beyond the farthest star,  
How excellent Your name in all the earth!

"When I think about the heavens, the moon and all the stars,  
I wonder what You ever saw in me.  
But You took me and You loved me,  
and You've given me a crown;  
And now I'll praise Your name eternally."

"O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens! .. When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars which You have ordained, what is man that You are mindful of him and the son of man that You visit him?" - Psalm 8:1,3-4

Today's song, based on Psalm 8, was a favorite with the elementary students at our Christian School. You can hear it sung by a children's choir online and appreciate the sound of young hearts praising the Creator of the Universe for His love for them. The lyrics remind us that God is bigger and greater than all of His excellent creation.

Psalm 33:6-9 also speaks of the sovereignty of the Lord in creation, which reads:

"By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deep in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the Lord; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast."

This brings us back to Genesis 1:1, which says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." As we just read in Psalm 33:9, "He spoke and it was done." Those who cling to their belief in the theory of evolution will also claim that the whole process came to be over many millions of years. But the Bible is clear that all aspects of the creation appeared in an instant, as the Lord God spoke them into being.

There are two basic areas of controversy that arise between those who believe the Scriptures and those skeptics who have no trust in them: the divinity of Jesus Christ, and the origin of the universe. It is important to have meaningful answers to the issues that arise when people question our faith in things we cannot see. Of course, they can't truly accept these truths by faith until the Spirit of God opens the eyes of their hearts.

But it is up to us to know what we believe and why we stand firm on our belief that God created the heavens and the earth out of nothing, simply by speaking them into being.

We can take Genesis 1:1 apart to better understand what is explained in those few words. The subject is God, who created the heavens and the earth. Time and space began at that moment, although He existed eternally before all matter was established out of nothing.

Proponents of evolution will say that all life forms had their start with some "big bang" of energy, but where did that energy come from? They will also state that life as we know it is the result of chance and the survival of the fittest. But are they really thinking that premise through intelligently?

"Chance" is the statistical probability that something will happen, but is not in itself capable of action since it has no power. I suggest that you listen to messages by R.C.Sproul on this subject, for he can explain this conflict of thoughts so well. In a recent message, he was speaking about "chance," and said that some scientists had rebuked him for contradicting their views on the evolution of life when this was not his area of expertise. He countered by telling them that he was an expert in linguistics, which was something they obviously could not claim to be. Dr Sproul challenged them to explain to him with words that made sense how something came out of nothing, and only then would he take their criticisms seriously.

There must be a purposeful intelligence that created this world, because the world shows both purpose and intelligence in its design. The only way that we can find out who we are is from God in His Word. If you believe Genesis 1:1, you will have no problem believing the rest of the Bible. Do not allow the false assumptions of evolutionary theory to sway your belief in the obvious fact that "God created the heavens and the earth."

I will close with some comments by David Jeremiah about our Creator God:

"God's purposeful creation for the heavens and the earth extends also to those He created in His image. Our lives have purpose and meaning because we are the handiwork of the Creator-God who 'fearfully and wonderfully' created us and fashioned our days before they came to pass (Ps.139:14-16). Not only are we physically created in God's image to represent Him on the earth, we are spiritually created in Christ when we are born again (John 3:3-8). 'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new' (2 Cor.5:17). God's role as Creator will not be complete until He has fashioned 'a new heaven and a new earth' (Rev.21:1) as the dwelling place for the redeemed."