

## The Odds On Tomorrow's Sunrise

Psalms 104:1-35; Hebrews 1:1-14 / Psalm 135:1-21

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### I. God Made Reality

**A. God is the creator.** "In the beginning **God created the heaven and the earth.**" (GENESIS 1:1)

**B. There have never been any independent facts.** "Through faith we understand that **the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.**" (HEBREWS 11:3)

**C. All God made was good; the flaws which prevail today do not have their origin in creation.** "And **God saw every thing** that he had made, and, behold, **it was very good.** And the evening and the morning were the sixth day." (GENESIS 1:31)

**D. No reality exists apart from God.** "That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: For **in him we live, and move, and have our being**; as certain also of your own poets have said, For **we are also his offspring.** Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, **we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.**" (ACTS 17:27-29)

### II. God Gives Meaning to Reality

**A. God does everything according to His own plan.** "In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being **predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:**" (EPHESIANS 1:11)

**B. God asserts that He is the ultimate fact by which to distinguish all others.** "And God said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM:** and he said, Thus shalt thou **say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.**" (EXODUS 3:14)

**C. There is nothing by which to measure God or classify Him.** "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even **from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.**" (PSALM 90:2)

**D. The eternity of modern imaginary science is nothing to God.** "**For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past,** and as a watch in the night. Thou carriest them away as with a flood; **they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up. In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.**" (PSALM 90:4-6)

**E. Only God is stable.** "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." (HEBREWS 13:8)

### III. Adjust to the Facts

**A. Acknowledging the creator is the platform for national and personal renewal.** "Thou, even thou, art **LORD** alone; **thou hast made heaven,** the heaven of heavens, with all their host, **the**

**earth, and all things that are therein**, the seas, and all that *is* therein, and thou preservest them all; and **the host of heaven worshippeth thee.**" (NEHEMIAH 9:6)

**B. There is no hiding place from God.** "***In the beginning was the Word***, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God.** The same was in the beginning with God. **All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.**" (JOHN 1:1-3)

**C. Even hell is not far enough from God to hide from Him.** "***Whither shall I go from thy spirit?*** or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou *art* there: ***if I make my bed in hell, behold, 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,*** and thy right hand shall hold me." (PSALM 139:7-10)

**D. All forms of study, knowledge, and accumulated wisdom will ultimately return to Christ.** "**God**, who at sundry times and in divers manners ***spake in time past*** unto the fathers by the prophets, ***Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son***, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, ***by whom also he made the worlds;***" (HEBREWS 1:1-2)

**E. Organize life's priorities realistically.** "And he spake ***a parable*** unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because ***I have no room where to bestow my fruits?*** And he said, This will I do: ***I will pull down my barns, and build greater;*** and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. **But God said** unto him, ***Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?***" (LUKE 12:16-20)

**F. God sets the odds on tomorrow's sunrise; do not let the prospect of tomorrow obscure the necessity to come to terms with God today.** "For ***he is our God;*** and we *are* the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. ***To day if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your heart, as in the provocation,*** and as *in* the day of temptation in the wilderness: When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work. ***Forty years long was I grieved with this generation,*** and said, It *is* a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways: Unto whom ***I swear in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.***" (PSALM 95:7-11)