

Perspective – “The New Creation”

Why Create?

What was this world God created? What did it look like, feel like, or reveal? As with so many Scriptures the following just knocks-my-socks-off...so to speak. 😊 It's fantastic to even be able to include it in this chapter!

“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. For it was the *Father's* good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, *I say*, whether things on earth or things in heaven.” (Colossians 1:15-20)

Why did God create? To even consider this we must seek to understand the Love of God, which is to say, understand something of the nature of God, Himself. God is Holiness, and He is Perfection. There is absolutely nothing better than to exist within oneness with God. To eternally enjoy Him in all that He is as Almighty God is wonderful beyond our imagination.

(“May we each choose to allow God to bring forth a more complete understanding of this within us. May we remain teachable, allowing Him to bring forth within our conscious minds a greater realization of Who He is, and what He has accomplished within each of us who have received Jesus.”)

Take any of the words we use as attributes for God: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Perfection, Self-control, Kindness, Gentleness, Hope, Power, Strength, etc., etc., and apply the following perspective. Yes it's worth repeating: Perfection is not a what, it's a Who! Hope is not a what, it's a Who! Etc. (Yep, a bit of a brain-twister but keep holding onto it and see where it takes each of us.)

That's right, we are talking about God: Father, Son, Holy Spirit being all that's in the list above, and more. Much, much more. Adam and Eve knew what this meant because they experienced God in oneness, completeness, and transparency. That is also how they experienced one another, and the rest of creation.

Why? Because that's what God desired. He wanted to give of Himself to manifest Who He was, and is, and will forever be; our God. The only One true God of all, over all, and in all.

Why? "So, He could be praised and worshiped all the time?" No, Because He is Love. That means He desires to give Himself in a creative form to other eternal beings He created, and all that is created by Him. In our case it is us - human beings; eternally-existing-beings.

The Heart of God is laid bare through His creation. So, His original creation shows Who God is and will always be. Remember, God breathed the breath of Life into Adam, and he became a person who was truly alive.

God Who is Love is so Perfect that He was compelled to create even though He knew His creation would become dominated by Sin and Death. God knew His creation would one day have to be utterly destroyed, but He created it anyway.

Matthew 24:35 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away."

Revelation 20:11 "Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them."

Revelation 21:1 "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer *any* sea."

We have no idea what a perfectly created world means, because there is no written record, and no human being now living has ever seen, or experienced God's creation when it was Perfect and Sin free. Thus, we have no frame of reference. So, anything we say, not based on God's perspective alone, must be based upon our experiences within a Sin dominated world.

This will result in our thoughts and comments being absolutely the opposite of God's perspective, unless they come from God. Our difficulty is our reluctance, or outright refusal to recognize God's Truth as being superior to our self-created opinions.

Our tendency can be to look upon beautiful mountain ranges, seascapes, the intricacies of a flower, or anything that might seem breath-taking, or beyond words, and be overcome by what we see. Some of us can look at a stunning sunset as though we are getting a peek into heaven.

What we see is amazing to us! God's perfect beauty, however, goes so far beyond what we see in this world today, which barely represents a shadow of what the world was like when created by God perfectly. Our imaginations may be able to get us much closer, but the perfect world Adam and Eve first experienced reaches beyond the grasp of our experience or imaginations.

Only the Perfect Love of God could compel Him to create the world when He knew what would happen. God Loved us so much, even before we existed, that He created all that He did for us to enjoy. Only someone who has experienced God, as completely as the Lord desires, can know the compelling of His Love for us to have the opportunity to be with God forever.

Part of the good news is God doesn't think the way we think. If He did then none of us would exist right now. No one would have the option to even know God, let alone spend eternity with Him filled with His Perfect Life.

There's a big difference between someone's perspective whose actually been on the ocean in a storm of confused seas, waves crashing into one another and breaking randomly, and a person who only imagines such dangers. So, it is with us who can only imagine what experiences a perfect world might hold for us, but we know very little about the reality of the actual experience.

It seems to me we can't really understand that reality, even if we suspend all thoughts of this world we have experienced and seek to elevated our minds to another world completely. The only hints we have are the brief descriptive glances afforded within Genesis chapters 1 & 2.

God's reality is one of Unity, and Peace. Why the capitalization of those two words? Because they were not a specific set of circumstances that constituted those experiences. Unity and Peace were the direct manifestation of God Who created everything within His Unity and Peace from Himself.

That's right Unity and Peace are not a what, they're a Who and that Who is God.

Imagine the Experience

What is it like to fully experience God without any influence of the power of Sin and Death? We don't know.

A few of us may have some idea through a near-death, or death to life experiences. Still those who returned, or who were sent back to earth were reconnected to their previous, and continued experience with this world. So, while it's amazing to listen to and read about, it seems possible to me these experiences may not hold a complete description of absolute Unity and Peace within God.

Much later we will consider this in light of our salvation experience in Christ, but our ability to perceive the full meaning of that experience is also diminished by the effects of Sin and Death upon us. Still my mind wonders over the images that arise within me when contemplating the world as it was Perfectly created by God. For me, it is overwhelmingly fantastic!

What would it be like for us to never have any concerns about our safety. Not even the intrusion of a small scrape, a splinter, or a blister. Not one thing existing to cause us any pain. Amazing!

What would it be like for us never to be concerned about something to eat, and the purest water to drink? How would it be if these were always at hand or nearby, and available without having to work to prepare the ground, plant, weed, harvest, and then produce food and prepare it?

Is it even possible to consider what it would be like if we didn't need food or water? What would it be like if we didn't need them, but we could still enjoy the fulness of their freshness, and flavor with a greater sense of enjoyment than we can know on this earth?

Can we imagine a world where every thought of every person or animal is perfect? There is no suspicion in a perfect world. No worry, intrigue, conniving, selfishness, greed, jealousy, lust, and the list goes on.

Some of us may think, "Well, what would there be to do? What would we have to make life interesting?" Just pause and consider the implications of these, and other possible questions. We are so subjugated by Sin that some of us may want to defend its necessity within our existence. Interesting....

Such questions may be followed by a chuckle to make light of the question and response. It's probably more a response to something so foreign to our thinking that no better response can be conceived at the moment, so we just blurt something out to be funny and avoid our discomfort. This is a part of the experience of living in a world dominated by the power of Sin and Death; Satan.

How about a world where there is no death, and a lamb can lay down together with a lion and relax without any concerns, or potential danger? So, what would we do? My preference would be to stroll over, and lay down with them for a short nap!

Hey, what do we think about a world where no bug, like a misquote, will ever bite you? Perfect weather that never endangers anything? Also, let's include a perfect purpose that is totally fulfilling for each of us as we do exactly what God desires naturally. So much so, that we don't even have to think about what we should do.

How great would it be if we were all so filled with the Joy of being truly alive in Christ that everything we do is an expression of our perfect completeness of being one with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? My feet feel like they want to dance a jig as my heart is filled with the excitement of such thinking! Such thoughts and eternal Hope is so wonderful.... "Thank you, Lord".

The perfection of the world that God created went beyond the physical experience. The key to perfection clearly was God, sharing the essence of Who He is within His framework of authority and relationship.

Authority within a perfect world was not a balance of power; it was God Himself. His authority was obvious since He created everything, brought forth life, and shared His Life with Adam and Eve. That eliminates any questions about who owns what, or who possess true authority over everything and everyone.

The perfect relationship that was the foundation of any interactions between all that existed was the result of Who God was, is, and will always be eternally. His perfection was the core of all relationships, which is another way of saying God Who is Perfect Love was the core of all relationships.

Because those relationships existed within the Unity that God is, the behavior of all that existed was in alignment with Who God is eternally. That resulted in Perfect oneness, and Love filled relationships.

God provided for all He created, and Adam and Eve had the wonderful experience of assisting God in caring for His creation. They accomplished this by respecting God's authority, something that was a given requiring no thought, as they lived in Unity with God. In essence, the natural result of this was them being living manifestations within the world of God Who is Life.

We might think of it this way. Adam and Eve naturally did exactly what God wanted to do in caring for His creation. There was no need to figure out God's will, or to consider their options while planning their day. They freely did whatever they wanted, because what they wanted was always what God wanted.

They lived God's will because their will was always aligned with God's will. They were one with God, without being a god. This perfect relationship could only be broken by Adam and Eve not respecting the fact that all authority was God's and His alone.

We may enjoy a better sense of freedom if we contemplate the way God Who is Love demonstrated His Love for us when He created. How well do each of us know God's Joy that comes from being Loved by Him? How deeply have we allowed God to permeate our mind and emotions? Do we live daily with the vivid experience of having God's presence with us?

Adam and Eve didn't have to ever consider questions like these in the Garden of Eden. They experienced their Unity with God each moment. Still they held the possibility to lose it all.

The disrespecting, rejection, and rebellion against God's eternal authority could be manifested in only one way. By Adam and Eve eating the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The idea of doing so could not come from within them. They were, however, the only ones who could choose to disobey God, thereby seeking to claim God's authority as their own.