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<p><b>BEGINNINGS</b> JESUS AS THE SUPREME DISPLAY OF THE GLORY OF GOD —JOHN PIPER</p> <p><b>ORDER 1-2</b></p> <p><b>After the question</b> "Does God exist?" (in which God answers, "Yes," in 1:14), the next question that can shape one's life most deeply is "Who did God create the world?"</p> <p>The short answer that resonates through the whole Bible like nothing else is that God <i>is</i> and the world <i>is</i> for his glory. We know what that means before, but first let's establish the fact: "Being not seen from afar and not discernible from the ends of the earth—anyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made" (Isa 43:1-7). From the beginning, everything that <i>is</i> is brought into being for my glory—the use of the words "created," "formed," and "made" are pointing us back to the original act of creation. This is why Israel ultimately exists—because this is why all things ultimately exist—for the glory of God.</p> <p><b>THE BIBLE IS CLEAR</b></p> <p>When the first chapter of the Bible says "God created the heavens and the earth," the image of God's glory is there, made manifest by the created thing. (Isa 43:7) "Who is the potter?" The point of an image is to image, to represent, to stand for, to be a display of the original. From the original, clarity flows outward.</p>	<p>God made humans in his image so that the world would be filled with reflections of God. Images of God, reflections of nature of God, for that matter, would include the person of creation. Indeed, because they were originally made, could enter the power of humanity, namely, God. Knowing, being, showing God.</p> <p>The angels cry, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty, the one who is full of glory" (Isa 6:3). It's full of human image because, like those who, that not only humans, but nature. Why such a beautiful world for us to live in? Why such a vast universe? Science can see it, can't verify it? That there are more stars in the universe than there are sands and sands that all humans of all time have ever spoken. We're in a great place!</p> <p>The Bible is crystal clear about this: "The heavens declare the glory of God" (Ps 19:1). If someone asks, "What is the only rational substance among the stars, why there such things and empty universe?" The answer is: It's not about us, it's about God. Which means it's not an accident, it's an understanding. God created us to know him and how to love him. And then he gave us a hint of what he is like—the universe.</p>	<p>We can see the purpose of creation even when the apostle Paul describes how we have fallen short of it. He says in Romans 1:20-21:</p> <p>"God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. For although they have God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him."</p> <p>The great tragedy of the universe is that, while human beings were made to glorify God, we have all fallen short of this purpose and "exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being" (Ro 1:23).</p> <p><b>GOD HELPS US FEEL THIS TRUTH</b></p> <p>So, recognizing through the whole Bible—from eternity to eternity—the like nothing, therefore, is God's great purpose for all things: to reveal the world for his glory. For his beauty. "I created for my glory," Isaiah proclaims before the reality even and even to help him feel and make a part of the fabric of our thinking.</p> <p>"Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill shall be made low... and the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together" (Isa 40:5).</p>	<p>"I see the Lord, that is my name! I will not hide my glory from him" (Isa 42:8).</p> <p>"The Lord has redeemed Jacob, he displays his glory to Israel" (Isa 44:22).</p> <p>"For my own sake I will delay my wrath, for the sake of my grace I will hold back from you... I have restrained you in the furnace of affliction. For my own sake, for my own sake, I do this, that you may not be blasphemed; I will not yield my glory to another" (Isa 48:9-11).</p> <p>"He said to me, 'This is my glorious land, in whom I will display my glory'" (Isa 49:3).</p> <p>"The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor... This will be called a year of the Lord's favor, a year of the Lord's mercy" (Lk 4:18-19).</p>
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