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Episode 77 - Understanding Creation Through the Lens of God's Pleasure

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In this episode of DTG Ministries, Scott Stanley delves into the deep teachings of the Book of Revelation, focusing on the significance of creation's purpose according to God's pleasure. He starts with Revelation 4:11, examining how all things were made for God's delight. The narrative intertwines with Psalm 45, highlighting the relationship between the Father and the Son, and how grace and beauty manifest through them.

Scott explores the profound notion that God foresaw the end from the beginning, aiming to form grace in all creation through the Son of God. By drawing insights from Proverbs 8 and other biblical texts, he illustrates how everything was created through Christ's truth and redemption, ultimately to bring pleasure to the Father.

The episode challenges conventional understandings of creation, particularly the roles of the Father and the Son in the creative process. It underscores the importance of embracing the truth of Jesus as the Son of God, walking in grace, and striving to live within the divine boundaries set for us. This spiritual journey embodies the

transformation and salvation intended for humanity by God from the foundation of the world.

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Scriptures are transcribed directly with notations. Refer to the KJV for verbatim wording.

This is Scott Stanley with DTG Ministries continuing to search the deep things of God in the Book of Revelation. Today, I want to begin in Revelation 4:11.

Rev 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for you have created all things, and for your pleasure they are and were created.

This verse is applied to him who sits on the throne, and we know that this is speaking of the Father. All things were created for his pleasure and are being created for his pleasure. If I could tie this back to Psalm 45:1-2, where you see the Father speaking of the Son, and just to put it in my own words, he says, I'm just bubbling up... this concept. You know? There is so much joy here concerning what I have made touching the king, telling his Son, "*You are more beautiful than the children of men.*"

Why? Well, "*Grace is cast or formed in your lips, therefore, God's blessed you forever.*" For me, that is a description of the pleasure God derives from his children, that grace be poured in our lips. Here, it is speaking about the literal Son of God, but that could be applied to any of us who find inspiration in that truth, allowing God to so work in us that grace is formed in our lips, too.

That's the goal. We're to be made in the image of Jesus Christ. Well, here is what's pleasing to God. Again, *to him who is sitting on the throne*, which we know is the Father, all things were created for his pleasure... *were created and are created for his pleasure.* This was something that really inspired me and caused me to want to apply all of the spiritual understanding and tools that God has given me to live within those boundaries... I should say, the boundary of grace, to fulfill Romans 6:14, to be governed by grace, not the law- that grace would govern my life, and God would find me as pleasing as he did Jesus.

Now I know that's a big order, but I know that he would be pleased if grace were formed in our lips. Well, this caused me to go back and look at the Son of God again. Why? Because of what he tells Laodicea.

Rev 3:14 ... I am the beginning of the creation of God.

Now, what I want you to do is turn to Proverbs 8, and I want to set this up. I want to state something here: If you think about it and consider it, I believe we would be in total agreement that when God created everything, at the beginning, he saw the end. In other words, at the beginning of creation, he knew where he wanted to bring man for his pleasure, for God's pleasure. He wanted grace to be formed in all of our lips, and this is what he saw from the beginning.

He didn't see a bunch of people lying and cheating, and killing... what he saw was the end result. This is what he wanted. He knew all the rest would happen, too. What he is after are those who fulfill the truth, bringing him pleasure, giving him pleasure, Psalm 45:1-2. So, when I look at Proverbs 8, starting at verse 22,

Pro 8:22 Jehovah possessed me ...

We saw before that the word is "bought" or "he settled on." He accepted the Son of God idea.

Pro 8:22 Jehovah possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.

I'm basing this on Paul saying that we preach wisdom in a mystery, the wisdom of God, Christ crucified, 1 Corinthians 2. So here,

Pro 8:22 The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.

Pro 8:23 I was anointed from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.

As we read Proverbs 8:22 down through verse 27, halfway through verse 27,

Pro 8:27 When he prepared the heavens, I was there: / ...

I want you to put a forward slash right there because everything above that slash is before creation. Everything after the slash is after creation. That means that the forward slash is creation. This is when creation happened, your forward slash, and he doesn't say one word about it. Here's before creation. Here's after creation. But what about creation itself? Well, for creation itself... and I'm saying this because Jesus said, "*I am the beginning of creation. I'm the beginning of God's creation.*"

Well, looking at Ephesians 3:9, there's a very interesting statement here.

Eph 3:9 To make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world has been hidden in the Divine One, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

That word "by" is "through." It is through Jesus that God created. Let me turn to John, chapter 1. The Gospel of John, chapter 1, starting at verse 1.

Jhn 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with the Divine One, and the Word was divine.

Jhn 1:2 The same was in the beginning with the Divine One.

Jhn 1:3 All things came to be through him; ...

King James put "all things were made." Well, that "were made," the Strong's number is [1096], and it's "came to be." *All things came to be through him.* King James put "by him." That's "*dia*." It's "through."

Jhn 1:3 Without him did not anything come to be that has come to be. All things were made through him. (God created all things through Jesus.)

One more. 1 Corinthians, chapter 8, verse 6.

1Co 8:6 But to us there is but one God, the Father, out of whom are all things, and we in him; and there is one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and we through him.

What is the difference between "out of" and "through"? That's what I want you to see in this podcast: That God created all things through His Son. Now let me tell you what I used to think that meant. What I'm getting ready to tell you, I don't believe this anymore, but I'm going to say this because I don't know, maybe there's somebody in the audience who thinks like this, too. What I'm going to say is not accurate.

When I looked at creation week, and I saw that God said, "*Let there be light,*" I assumed that everything was created by the voice of God. "*Let there be... Let there be.*" But to say God created everything through his Son, I thought, well, that's got to be the Son saying it. But God is the one who put that in his head because God created through Jesus. So God explained to Jesus what he wanted, and Jesus created it. Again, I don't believe that anymore. I don't think there's any truth in that at all.

I think when God created everything through Jesus, that means it was through the filter of Messiah. Now what do you mean? Well, Proverbs 8 again. Looking at Proverbs 8:22, if I just Okiefy (I'm from Oklahoma) this, wisdom is speaking. We know it's the Son.

For him to say, "*Jehovah possessed me in the beginning of his way*" is another way of saying "*I was in the mind of God before his works of old, before creation.*" This is the beginning of creation. Verse 23, Proverbs 8:23.

Pro 8:23 I was anointed at that time. In the mind of God, I was going to be anointed, and he determined that from the very beginning.

This is no different than Revelation 13:8... *The Lamb was slain from the foundation of the world.* He literally wasn't, but he literally was going to be because this was God's determination. "*I was anointed from everlasting.*" He could have put right here, "*I was slain from everlasting.*"

Therefore, everything God created, everything was for his pleasure. Jesus is the beginning of the creation. When we talk about creation, things were created, and they are created. Remember in 2 Corinthians 5, we are a new creation. We are being created. How? Through the truth Jesus brings us. What truth? The truth about God. So God is still creating.

Why? For his pleasure. What's his pleasure? That we are molded and formed and live in grace toward each other. In Proverbs 8, the Son of God was in God's mind, being slain and being anointed, before creation happened. That means every single thing God created was filtered through those truths. Everything.

Let me give you an example. The purpose of the Son of God was to bring us to the place where we please God, where we're walking in grace. So let's take a look. Let's walk into that sanctuary or the courtyard that Moses built, the tabernacle. We walk in there, and what do we see? Well, we see stones stacked up, creating an altar. We see curtains. We see cloth having been sewn. We see gold. We see brass. We see a laver. We see animals with blood. We see fire, wood.

All of these creations have been made to teach us salvation. It was all filtered through the work of Messiah, because all of the things that God created, once you understand the symbol of it, are for your salvation. *The heavens declare the glory of God, everything he created. Remember what you read in John 1, there is nothing that has come to be that did not come to be through him, he, the Son of God.*

It is through him that all things were created, not by him. Remember, 1 Corinthians 8:6, *"There is one God out of whom were all things, and there's one Lord through whom are all things."* It is through the understanding that we have, that God had of Messiah, that he created all things through that filter of truth and salvation, and redemption for humanity. The Son of God did not need to create anything. It was a concept in the mind of God.

It is a concept that you read in Proverbs 8. *"Jehovah possessed me in the beginning of his way, and he anointed me from the very beginning. I am,"* he says, *"the beginning of the creation of God."* The end result of the creation is pleasure. That means the beginning of creation is to bring you to the end result, pleasure to God, pleasure because we're walking in love.

That's the end result, and that is why it's important that we understand the Son of God. It's important that we understand you cannot take the Son of God out of the picture when all of creation was through that truth of his work, of who he is. I want to read from Colossians, chapter 1. Let me just start at verse 12.

Col 1:12 Giving thanks unto the Father, who has made us able to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

Col 1:13 He delivered us from the authority of darkness, and translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: (The kingdom of his Son. Think about it.)

Col 1:14 In whom (in the Son), we have redemption (you could just put "from iniquity") through his blood (through the death), even remission of sin. (Remission of sin, this brings pleasure to God.)

Col 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God. He is the firstborn of every creature. (Why?)

Col 1:16 For in him were all things created that are in heaven, that are in earth, visible, invisible, thrones, dominions, principalities, authorities: all things were created through him.

Anything that has come to be came through him. Why? To teach you righteousness, to help you understand darkness. What makes darkness dark? What makes light, light? What makes the Son of God the Son of God? What is redemption? What is your salvation? Verse 17.

Col 1:17 He is before all things, and in him, all things stand together.

If you can get the Son of God truth in your heart and realize there is only one God, the Father... He has created everything through his Son because his Son was in his mind at the beginning. He's the beginning of the creation. The Son didn't create. The Father created. The Father, using the knowledge of the Son, produced in creation what is needed for our redemption, for our salvation. And in the Son of God, all things stand together. Take away the Son, you don't stand. You're not experiencing salvation.

God, by bringing forth a Son, has made the Son to have life in himself. What do we mean? The Father has life in himself. If you can believe in God and understand God, you will have life. Life is in him. Well, life is in the Son just merely because he's the Son. He doesn't have to do anything to have life. He is the Son of God. If you believe he is the Son of God, John says in 1 John 5 that if you believe he's the Son, you've been born of God. If you believe he's the Christ, you've been born of God... so you can enter into life. *"Nicodemus, you must be born from above."* Why did he say that? Well, Nicodemus said,

"We know you're a teacher come from God." Jesus is saying, "Well, you've got to be born from above to see the kingdom."

What does he mean? You've got to see that I'm the Son of God. How did he know that? Because that happened at his own baptism. God said, *"You're my Son,"* anointing him. He became the Christ. *"This day, I have begotten you. I told you who the Son of God is. If you can believe Jesus is the Son of God, you have been born from above."* It doesn't mean you're finished. It means you're now on the road to being made complete. You cannot be on that road if you deny he's the Son. All things were created through the truth of his redemption and salvation that you find in Christ. Everything is created to save us, to help us.

So much Catholicism we carry. And, you know, you look at Jesus. *"Well, he's the creator..."* No, he is not the creator. He is not the creator. There is only one God who created, and he created everything through the Son. That doesn't mean the Son did anything. It means it was in the mind of God. He was in the mind of God... He's the beginning of the creation of God.

Maybe for some people, this is going to open a thousand doors. Maybe it's going to create a thousand questions. Whatever the case, we're going to handle this, and we're going to go through looking at the Son of God and creation and answering questions, and realizing the Son of God himself was born in eternity. Before he was, he was in the mind of God. He was born so that through him all things could be created unto our salvation. Again, look at Proverbs 8 and look at the forward slash. Everything above it is before creation. Everything after it is after creation. There is not a word spoken about creation itself in Proverbs 8.

Again, I realized I had to go to the apostles to see what they said, and the main staple of what they said, Ephesians 3:9, *"God created all things through Jesus,"* not with Jesus, through Jesus. When you see Genesis chapter 1, *"Let us make man in our image,"* that is the Father and Son, but that's not literal creation. That's finishing off what he started. Using the Son of God in what was accomplished at the cross, God can finish the work that he started at creation... using the Son, *"Sit at my right hand, till I make your enemies your foot stool."* Using the Son, he can put all enemies under our feet. Using the truth of

the cross, God can accomplish something that is for his pleasure, which is our redemption, which is our salvation.

As this message grows, it becomes even more offensive to the universal church. Yet the Lord is redeeming us so that we can understand the importance of walking in grace. The importance of realizing creation, looking at creation through the eyes of redemption, creation will begin to make more sense, not letting the world put creation together for you.

See, they use the world to devise everything... Homes and cars, medicines, just everything. They use the world. They're taking the world and manipulating it for our benefit. But God is saying all of these things are for your redemption and salvation, that you can use these things. If you use them literally, it's one thing. But if you can see it spiritually, it's another thing.

I want to share a verse that nearly brought me to tears, and this is in Revelation, chapter 5. I want to start at verse 9.

Rev 5:9 They sang a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book (speaking of the Lamb), and open the seals: for you were slain (from the foundation of the world), and you have redeemed us to God in your blood out of every kindred, tongue, and people, and nation;

Rev 5:10 You have made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Rev 5:11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many messengers (I could say messages), round about the throne (of the conscience) and the living creatures and the elders: the number of them was myriads of myriads.

Rev 5:12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive abilities, riches, wisdom, strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. (That is a sevenfold blessing. And here's the verse.)

Rev 5:13 And every creature which is in the heavens, in the earth, under the earth, such as are in the sea, all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, honour, glory, and power, unto him that sits on the throne, and unto the Lamb forever.

That's a fourfold blessing. Why is that tearful for me? Because that's within the human heart. They're redeemed. Here is a person redeemed, and everything within them is crying out to God with blessing, honor, glory, and strength be to you and your Son. You want to be in that place. You want to be in that place and stay within the boundaries of grace.

Find what inspires you. Why is it that we have such trouble living in love? It's because you're not really driven to do it. You know you need to, but what is going to inspire you to do it? For me, Psalm 45:1-2 inspired me, and I realized I don't ever want to move out of the confines of that circle of grace. If I do, I'm going to find a way to repent and come back into it and do it with everything that I can... with all the tools I know to live in grace, knowing that all of creation, there isn't anything that's come to be that did not come through the Son of God, knowledge of the Son of God.

That is why it is so important that we believe Jesus is the Son of God. That is the foundation that God lays in Zion, Isaiah 28:16. He has laid the foundation stone. If you can believe he is the Son of God, you're on the road to redemption. That has to be understood. You believe the Son so that you can turn and look at the Father. You cannot have a father without a son. If you can accept him, Jesus as the Son, you now have a Father in the picture.

Think about it. Think about the cross. What is it that made the cross so significant? It's that the Father was there, and they were killing his Son. That was the Son of God. The Father allowed that to happen. He surrendered his Son, because from the creation of the world, the Son of God was slain and anointed for the pleasure of God. The plan was carried out. The plan was executed. He surrendered his Son so that we could see his understanding of humanity, so that we could see the iniquity that we all have, and what it has done to us, and how to overcome it.

That's the cross. That is our Heavenly Father. So I believe the Son. He has life in himself. If I can believe he's the Son of God, I've entered into that life. I have been given life from above, if God has revealed that to me. That truth will point me to the Father, and when I look at the Father, he's going to point me back to the Son so that I can understand the Father, because it is the spirit of the Father that will quicken your mortal flesh to put away all iniquity. That is what we're after. Live within the boundaries of grace.

Understand, the Son of God is exactly that. He's the Son of God, and there is only one God, the Father, out of whom came all things. There's one Lord through whom all things were created. That's our message for today.

Father, be glorified. Let us find the truth and live in peace. Let us glorify you in Jesus' name. Amen.