

# WORDS OF TRUTH

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## *Sunrise Acres*

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

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### OUR MEETING TIMES:

Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 AM  
Sunday Worship: 10:55 AM

### Are You Visiting With Us?

If you are visiting with us, we want to welcome you to the Lord's church (Matthew 16:18 and Colossians 1:18). Our goal is to simply get to Heaven and to help you do the same. We use the Bible as our standard to govern what we do in our work and worship for the Lord (Colossians 3:17, II Timothy 1:13, II Timothy 3:16-17, and I Peter 4:11).

We welcome your questions and would love the opportunity to study further with you. Luke recorded a fascinating statement we all need to consider: *"Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able"* (Luke 13:23-24). We invite you to join us in being one of the few that are saved!

### Take Time To Observe God's Creation

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We know that God created the heaven and the earth (Genesis 1:1). We know that God created man (Genesis 1:26-27). Isaiah and Jeremiah penned the following: *"For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else... I have made the earth, the man and the beast that are upon the ground, by my great power and by my outstretched arm, and have given it unto whom it seemed meet unto me"* (Isaiah 45:18 and Jeremiah 27:5). We know that God made man upright, but man has sought out many inventions (Ecclesiastes 7:29). So, this article is not going to be about observing the beauty of man, but of the heaven and earth.

The Psalmist wrote: *"When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained"* (Psalms 8:3). Do you feel that way? Do you look at the sky, the moon, and the stars in awe? Do we stand in awe of the beauty of all things God created and the depth of wisdom seen in creation (Ecclesiastes 3:11 and Proverbs 3:19)? What would happen if the sun were closer or further away? Well, we'd freeze or burn up. What would happen if the sea did not have a barrier (Jeremiah 5:22)? Well, we'd see massive flooding and death all over the world. Folks, it is not a mystery to Bible students how all things stand in perfect balance (Nehemiah 9:6). However, it should still be an awesome sight to behold (Psalms 33:8).

How often do you stand outside and look at the sky? Do you listen to the birds? Here in El Paso we have a privilege in the clear sky we see nearly year round. Coming from parts of Ohio and Pennsylvania where it was cloudy more than clear, I still stand in awe of how bright the sun really is. I look at our night skies here and wonder at the beauty of the stars. There is no way in the world that a thinking person could behold the night skies of El Paso and deny our Lord as the Creator. The wonders of our universe clearly declare the existence of the Almighty!

## The Created Earth Confesses God

Certainly, we could show the existence of God through Scientific foreknowledge in the Bible (Job 26:7, Isaiah 40:22, Leviticus 17:11-14, Ecclesiastes 1:7; 11:3, Amos 9:6, II Samuel 22:16, and Job 38:16). We could go through many prophecies that were fulfilled (Psalms 34:20; John 19:32-36 / Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:22-23, etc.). We could show forth eye witness accounts of the life and works of Jesus Christ (Acts 3:13-15). However, the creation of our Lord does speak for itself: *“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork... And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein: Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways. Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness”* (Psalms 19:1 and Acts 14:15-17).

What do you see when you look at the creatures which roam upon the earth? The book of Job declares: *“But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee: Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee: and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee. Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the LORD hath wrought this? In whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind”* (Job 12:7-10). God’s creation speaks for itself. Yet, there is more to wonder about when we look at things created by God. Consider the wonder of how He did it!

### God Spoke

*“And God said, Let there be light: and there was light... And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters... And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so {see also Genesis 1:11; 14-15; 20; 24; 26; etc.}... By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast... 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”* (Genesis 1:3; 6; 9, Psalms 33:6-9, and Hebrews 11:3).

### Conclusion

What more could be said than that which we see around us every day and every night? Maybe we should all consider taking more time to look at the wonders which our Lord has created. Consider the following words from the Apostle Paul as our conclusion: *“For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you. God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; 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. And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead”* (Acts 17:23-31).

**What must one do to be saved (Acts 2:37)?** Hear and believe the Gospel (Mark 16:15-16 & Romans 10:17), repent of their sins (Acts 3:19), confess Christ (Acts 8:37), and be baptized (immersed) for the remission of sins into the church of Christ (Acts 2:38-41; 47, I Corinthians 12:12-13, and Romans 6:1-6; 16:16). One must then remain faithful (Colossians 1:23).