

I have recently added flower baskets onto the walls around my little garden. Whenever I do this I cannot help but wonder at God's creation. I see all different sorts of flowers, in many various colours, surrounded by green leaves of every shape, size and shade. I look at them over and over again and see them grow and change colour. Today artificial flowers can be made that look very realistic, but, they are missing that breath of life that only God can give. We can plant seeds and bulbs, water them, talk to them and give them any amount of attention, yet, it is only God who can decide whether or not He will breathe life into them to give us a lovely flower.

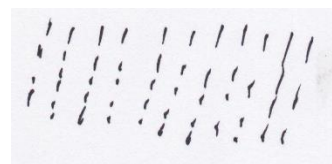
In Genesis 1, the very first chapter in our Bibles, we can read how God created not just the flowers, but **everything**. When we make something we make it out of materials that are available to us – stone, wood, cloth, wool and a whole gamut of synthetic materials. When God first created everything he made them out of nothing – How amazing is that! Have you ever tried to make a table without any wood, screws or tools or attempted to knit a jumper with no wool or knitting needles?

If you read Genesis 1 you will see that it says, *'And God saw that it was good'* as He created the various aspects of our world. He did an excellent job of whatever He was making. The word that is used for 'created' in these verses means not only to create, but that what was created was beautiful, well-finished and done in an orderly manner. He is very much a God of order who plans the things He makes in meticulous detail. Have a good look at some of the flowers (and weeds!) in your garden. Do you think that you could have designed such intricate and beautiful flowers?

In those well-known verses spoken by Jesus in Matthew 6: 28-29 it says, *'Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.'* Jesus considered that the beauty of the lilies was far greater than all of the fancy, expensive, elaborate clothes that Solomon wore. We have probably heard that verse quoted at many of the Harvest Services that we have attended and sometimes, when we hear a verse quoted over and over again like this, we can lose some of the importance of what is being said and forget to wonder at God's creation and can take it for granted.



I find quite amusing that verse in Psalm 65: 9. *'You visit the earth and water it and greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water.'* God most certainly visits the earth and waters it! Rain, rain, rain and more rain. We would probably not moan about the rain half as much if we lived in a country where they were desperate for rain. Whatever would we do without the rain? It is the most basic need in our lives. I think it would be great if it rained during the night when we whilst we were in bed and then was nice and sunny in the daytime, but then, my idea of the order of things obviously does not coincide with God's in that respect! Water is a most wonderful thing that God decided to create. He knew that everything to which He gave life – plants, animals, people – would need water to sustain that life.



When Elihu is talking to Job he says, *'Behold, God is great. We know Him not and His years are unsearchable. He draws up the drops of water. He distils His mist in rain which the skies pour down and*

*drop upon man abundantly. Can anyone understand the spreading of the clouds?’ (Job 36: 26-29)* It is true isn’t it; we are not able to understand the clouds and the rain properly, let alone produce the water in the first place. When I googled ‘clouds’, this is some of what it said:- ‘Water vapour is invisible and is around us all the time in the air. Clouds appear when there is too much water vapour for the air to hold. It then condenses to form tiny water droplets and it is the water that makes the clouds visible. These droplets are so small that they stay suspended in the air.’ Google might be a very up-to-date commodity, but how about this verse from Job 37:16, which was probably written nearly 3,000 years ago. *‘Do you know the balancing of the clouds, the wondrous works of Him who is perfect in knowledge?’* We might be able to see ‘the how’ on Google, but the Bible can certainly inform us about ‘the Who’.

One of the most interesting chapters in the Bible about God’s creation is found in Job 38: 4-38. Here are some of the things the Lord mentions to Job:-

How the foundation of the earth was laid and its measurements decided.

The limits of the sea that were allowed and its depths.

The cycle of day and night.

Snow, hail, wind, rain and lightning.

The stars and the heavens.

Even though those words were written such a long time ago, we are no wiser today than Job was about how God decided to create them in the first place; how He decided on their design, their limits and their future uses.



It is fascinating **HOW** God made everything. Each time He created something different we are told in Genesis 1 that *‘God said .....’* God just spoke the word and it happened! How simple is that? That is because He is God. I feel that this is all beyond our comprehension. We will never be able to fully understand how God created this side of heaven but we are very fortunate in having His Word telling us that that is what He did. It is in His power to do whatever he desires in whatever way He wishes, regardless of whether we can fully grasp that or not.

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Sometimes there are people who say that they are not able to see God and can we prove to them that God exists. Paul tells us that creation itself is proof of God’s existence. Romans 1: 19-20. *‘For what can be known about God is plain to them because God has shown it to them. Ever since the creation of the world His invisible nature, namely His eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made.’* Paul is saying that when we look at the things that have been created in our world, it is plain that there must be a Creator in charge who has the power to make these things. The fact that God is invisible to our naked eyes does not make His creation any less valid as it is still there to be seen by every one of us. We can all see the sun, moon, stars, ground, animals, plants etc. and yet no-one on earth, for all of their technology is able to make a single one of these.

Take notice of God’s creation. Think about a blade of grass, the air we breathe, the cycle of day and night and how God breathes His life into everything.

I wish!

Verses/passages to read about God’s creation:-

1 Corinthians 10: 26. *‘The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it.’*

Job 26: 7. *‘He hangs the earth upon nothing.’*

Genesis 1; Isaiah 40: 28; Psalm 136: 1-9

