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*On this week's Chosen and Cherished podcast, we talked about the priceless treasure of relationship with Jesus... and the lesser treasures we tend to go after. The wonderful news is, our God treasures us!!! If you'd like to listen to the episode, here's the link
~ <https://summitpoint.org/chosen-and-cherished/>*

*Blessings,
Jonna*

Genesis 1:1-2, Romans 1:19-20

Psalm 18:30 and Proverbs 30:5 both say that "every word of the Lord proves true." EVERY WORD. But did David, who wrote Psalm 18, and Solomon, who wrote Proverbs know about Genesis 1:1??? This is one of the most well known and yet disregarded or ignored verses in scripture because our finite minds struggle to accept the infinite.

So many scriptures point to the fact that God created the heavens and the earth. To disregard or throw out Genesis 1:1, I have to disregard and throw out all of scripture. If ANY scripture is not true, NONE of scripture can be trusted.

In Job 38:2-5, the Lord said to Job and his friends who thought their finite minds knew everything, "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to Me. Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know!" No, Lord. I don't know how You did it! I will be quiet and just trust that You did.

Hebrews 11:3 tells me that, yep, I'm gonna have to accept what God says about creation ... some through observation, and some as an act of faith ~ "By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible." At the end of the day, no hypothesis of science can prove it one way or another because it is absolutely impossible for man to create something out of nothing. It takes faith

to believe it all happened by chance as science tries to hypothesize, and it takes faith to believe in a Creator God. I choose Him. Personally, I think it takes way more faith to believe all the incredible intricacies of this world and our bodies just happened by chance.

John 1:3 says, "Through Jesus all things were made and without Him was not any thing made that was made."

Colossians 1:16-17 says, "For by Jesus all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together."

Hebrews 1:3 says, "He holds the universe together by the word of His power."

And there are so many other scriptures that point to God as actively creating this world. To throw out Genesis 1:1 is to throw out the Bible.

Why do some find it so hard to believe??? I think I just read the answer in Colossians... "All things were created through Him and FOR HIM." It's all about Him. I am not the center of the world. To acknowledge God, I must bow to God.

Genesis 1:1-2 tells me that He created the heavens and the earth in the beginning. The earth was "without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters." God shaped it. He formed it. He understood every aspect of every cell because He is the designer. God does not bow to science. Science bows to God as He reveals bits and pieces of His design. My job is not to try to define it without Him, but to be in awe of Him as the loving, powerful, wise, beautiful designer He is.

The earth was formless... The Hebrew for that means "empty." It was void... a wasteland. It was a blank canvas. And the artist was about to make a beautiful picture. The Spirit of God was there. This is so far beyond my imagination. That doesn't mean I negate it. It means I say, "Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!" (Romans 11:33).

To believe the theories of SOME scientists who start with a refusal to acknowledge God, I would still be having to put my faith in something... because they can't reproduce it. But Romans 1:19 tells me, "For what CAN be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them." Even though I can't see Him from the beginning of time because I wasn't there, I can plainly see who He is.

How have I seen Him? He has shown Himself to me and the whole world by displaying His invisible attributes through His creation. "For His invisible attributes, namely, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made." All I have to do is look at the stars or a sunrise or the way a

baby grows in a mother's womb or anything else in all creation to see God's eternal power. It is eternal because God is eternal. He is before all things. Try to grasp that alone! But also, His power is eternal... "For the grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of the Lord remains forever" (Isaiah 40:8).

And then there's His divine nature. It is divine... it is His Godness. It is beyond what man can do or even fully comprehend. I see His peace and power in the stars. I see His delight and beauty in a sunrise or sunset. I see His wisdom and imagination in all the intricately designed fish. I see His power and authority in thunder and lightning. And I learn of His constant presence in the wind. Everything points to God.

So, why would God make all His invisible attributes so clear for us to see in the visible? Because of His greatest attribute... love. He WANTS me to know Him. He WANTS me to be blown away by His creation so that I will open my heart to relationship with Him. And then when I do, a whole world of not just observing His beauty but KNOWING HIM and all His attributes personally and experientially opens up to me.

But let me not miss this one thing. Yes, God is love... Yes, God is compassionate and merciful... and YES, God is the MOST HIGH. He has ALL authority and power. "So they are without excuse." Those who choose not to acknowledge Him cannot claim ignorance. The only ignorance that takes place in regard to God is ignorance by choice... a hardening of the heart. Ephesians 4:18 says of those who refuse to acknowledge God, "They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, DUE TO THEIR HARDNESS OF HEART." It's ignorance by choice.

O Lord, You ARE Creator. You ARE divine. You ARE eternal. I bow to You. All things were created by You and for You. To You be the glory. Amen.