

Speaking to the soul

Worship

The LORD made the earth by his power, and he preserves it by his wisdom. With his own understanding he stretched out the heavens. When he speaks in the thunder, the heavens roar with rain. He causes the clouds to rise over the earth. He sends the lightning with the rain and releases the wind from his storehouses. Jeremiah 10:12-13

If you've ever looked at a horoscope, you'll probably have The fact that God created the world is the foundation of the Bible's understanding of him. The first couple of chapters of Genesis tell us how God did this, and then the rest of the Bible points back to it. Here in Jeremiah, the prophet laughs at the uselessness of the idols that the people were worshipping. He highlights that, unlike the God of Israel, the idols have never created anything. They are a complete waste of time.

We need to make sure that our thinking about God is continually shaped by remembering he is our creator. Creation should be the springboard for our daily worship, and its vast scale surely makes us want to burst out in praise and adoration. Let's stand back from our amazing universe for a moment. During the daytime we can't see

very far. The sun is merely 93 million miles from earth. It's on our doorstep! The light of the sun only takes about eight minutes to reach us. At night, it is a very different story – we can see stars that are light years away from us.

Our closest star is Alpha Centauri which, at four light years away, is about 270,000 times further from us than the sun. However, all of this is still very close to home. Incredibly, even with the naked eye, it is possible to see Andromeda, which is 2.6 million light years away from us, and with a pair of binoculars, you can see stars that are as much as ten million light years away. These numbers are completely mind boggling, but they must encourage us to respond in worship to our great creator God.

QUESTION

In what ways is your own worship inspired by creation?

PRAYER

Lord God of Creation, as we look at the vastness of our universe, we fall down before you in worship and adoration.
Amen

