

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

6-14-20 Ken Carlton

Title: GOD'S WARDROBE

Main Texts: Psalm 104

--worship text: Colossians 1:15-20--

Aim: TO OPEN OUR EARS TO THE VOICE OF CREATION MAGNIFYING THE GLORIES OF GOD...

Sermon Description: Since ancient times, clothing has represented the rank, class, or even the exploits of an individual. It is often a reflection of dignity or glory. Think of the uniform worn by a military general decorated with medals and various insignia. His garments communicate respect for his office and accomplishments. In light of this concept, one might ask: "what is the clothing of the Lord? Though we cannot see Him directly, the psalmist points to His creation in this song as a reflection of His glories. Ps 104 joins 103, 105, and 106 in exploring themes from creation through the exodus that magnify the glory of God. Psalm 104 is a panoramic view of creation taking in overwhelming displays of God's power and particular attention to detail. His creation compels the author to join David in solemn worship vows opening and closing his meditation by instructing his soul, and those who sing with Him, to "bless the Lord". Many have noted allusions to the 6 days of creation culminating with expressions of worship fitting for Sabbath day meditations in the sequence of the Psalm. Psalm 104 provides corrective lenses for us during times when it feels like the world is falling apart, seemingly disintegrating under the weight of organized sinfulness. Psalm 104 rebukes the notion that nefarious satanic forces have any ultimate stranglehold on the world. These confessions hold our imaginations accountable that might otherwise run wild speculating what sophisticated evil schemes are behind the chaos of our age. The Psalmist directs us to behold the glory of God displayed in creation which proves His power and confirms His plan for sinners to one day be consumed from the earth on the final day when the wicked are no more! (35)

Heading: THE AUTHOR OF PS 104 FEATURES CREATION AS...

1. GOD'S INSTRUMENT (Ps 104:1-9)

a. Creation subject to Him

b. For instance: The great flood (Mat 24:37, I Pet 3:5-7)

2. TESTIMONY OF PROVISION (10-15)

a. "Fruit of Your work"

b. In abundance

3. TESTIMONY OF WISDOM (16-23)

a. Provision according to kind

b. Celestial time pieces

c. Man's work by contrast

4. INSPIRATION FOR PRAISE (24-30)

a. Veneration

b. Proclamation

c. Vows (Job 38:1-11)

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Instrument	Provision	Wisdom	Praise	Tone	Next Week
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Ps 104:1-9	10-15	16-23	24-30	Job 38:1-11	Gen 16