**Sermon Title: The Creator Who is God Our Savior**

**Sermon Text: Psalm 104**

**Sermon Purpose: To call the hearer to celebrate the God of Creation as our Savior.**

**Sermon Proposition: There are 4 tributes true worshippers must rehearse before the God of Creation.**

**Introduction:** “According to the Book of Genesis, God created the world and all that is in it in six days Then He declared it all to be ‘very good’ (**Gen. 1:31**). The Creator rested on the seventh day (**Gen. 2:1-3**).

 While there were other ‘creation stories’ among the pagan nations of the ancient world, the biblical account is unique in that God existed before creation and called the physical world into being from nothing (**Gen. 1:1, 2; John 1:2, 3**). These pagan nations, particularly the Babylonians, believed the material universe was eternal and that it brought their gods into being. But Genesis describes a God who is clearly superior to the physical world.

 God began organizing a shapeless and barren earth (**Gen. 1:2**), providing light (**1:3-5**), and separating land from water (**1:6-10**). The creation of plant and animal life followed, including creatures of the sea, air, and land (**1:11-25**). Man and woman were created on the sixth day (**1:26-28**), before the Creator’s Sabbath rest (**2:1-3**).

 Scholars disagree about the length of the creation ‘days.’ Some believe these were actual twenty-four hour days, while others believe they were periods of undetermined length. Regardless of the length of these days, the biblical writer is declaring that God created the world in orderly fashion as part of a master plan. The world did not just evolve on its own or by accident.

 The ‘gap’ theory, advanced to reconcile the biblical account of creation with geology, holds that creation in Genesis 1:1 was followed by catastrophe (**1:2**), then succeeded by God’s re-creation or reshaping of the physical world (**1:3-31**). But this theory reduces God to a weak being with little control over His own creation. The powerful God who created the world also presides over its destiny.

 Man and woman are the crowning achievement of God’s creative work (**Ps. 8:5**). As free moral beings who bear the image of God, they were assigned dominion over the natural world (**Gen. 1:27, 28**). They alone among the living creatures of the world are equipped for fellowship with their Creator.” [**The New Open Bible, New King James Version, Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1990, p. 5**]

**I. Rehearsing the wonders of God our Creator. Vv.1-4**

**II. Rehearsing the will of God our Creator. Vv.5-23**

**III. Rehearsing the works of God our Creator. Vv.24-30**

**IV. Rehearsing the worship of God our Creator. Vv.31-35**

**I. Rehearsing the wonders of God our Creator. Vv.1-4**

This Psalm pictures the Lord’s power, wisdom, and goodness to all His Creation. The Psalmist consistently praises and celebrates the majestic sovereignty of the Lord God Almighty.

**II. Rehearsing the will of God our Creator. Vv.5-23**

 A. Rehearsing related to the **waters**. Vv.5-13

 In His power God controls the boundaries and expanses of all creation.

 B. Rehearsing related to the **earth**. Vv.14-18

 In His wisdom God made the earth amazingly well suited for all forms of life.

 C. Rehearsing related to the moon and the sun. vv.19-23

 The Lord made the moon and the sun to rule the times and seasons when various creatures on earth are active.

**III. Rehearsing the works of God our Creator. Vv.24-30**

**IV. Rehearsing the worship of God our Creator. Vv.31-35**

 A. The **authority** must be recognized. Vv.31-32

 (**Matthew 28:18; Philippians 3:1-9**)

 **Galatians 2:20-21** "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. **21** "I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness *comes* through the law, then Christ died in vain."

 B. The **adoration** must be rehearsed. Vv.33-34

 (**Revelation Chapter 4-5**)

 **Hebrews 10:23-26** Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for He who promised *is* faithful. **24** And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, **25** not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. **26** For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

 C. The **appointment** must be revealed. V.35

 **Hebrews 9:27-28** And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, **28** so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

 **Hebrews 9:12-14** Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. **13** For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, **14** how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

 **Hebrews 10:26-27** For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, **27** but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.

 **Romans 1:24** Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,

 **Romans 1:26** For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.

 **Romans 1:28** And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;