

God as “Creator”

I want to Welcome you to our sanctuary in the Blueridge Mountains of North Georgia

We all have our sacred places – places whose beauty and splendor calm our spirits and give us a haven of peace away from the cares of our ordinary responsibilities that at times can grow heavy and distracting...

For some of you it’s the ocean, or the beach, or the Lake or a fishing trip, or a getaway condo where you can curl up to coffee, a good book, and no interruptions...

For me it’s the forest covered mountains, streams, and rivers of Appalachia...

Here I remember and am reminded of God as “Creator”

M. D. Babcock: This is My Father’s World (1901)

**This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears, All nature sings and round me rings,
The music of the spheres.**

**This is my Father's world, The birds their carols raise, The morning light the, lily white, Declare their Maker's
praise This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought, Of rocks and trees, Of skies and seas,
His hands the wonders wrought.**

Romans 1:20

Since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—**his eternal power and divine nature**—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made...

- **His “Eternal Power”**

Psalm 148:7-13

Praise the Lord Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above. ² Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts. ³ Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars. ⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies...⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, ⁸ lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding, ⁹ you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, ¹⁰ wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds, ¹¹ kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth, ¹² young men and women, old men and children. ¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; **his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.**

- **His “Divine Nature”**

- **Genesis 1-2 a Loving, Hospitable, Artist**

- **Lavishing every habitat with every need/want/and luxury for His Creatures...**

- **Genesis 1:3-13 (days 1-3)**

- Day & Night
- Water & Sky
- Land & Vegetation

- **Genesis 1:14-25 (days 4-6)**

- Sun, Moon, and Stars
- Fish and Birds
- Every Animal, Creeping thing, and Mankind

- **He Created Mankind in His “Own Image” Gave Dominion (Genesis 1:26-27)**

- **“Breathed into him...became a living being” (Genesis 2:7)**

This is my Father's world Oh, let me never forget, That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world
Why should my heart be sad? The LORD is king, let the heavens ring
God reigns! Let the earth be glad.

Like the prophet Habbakuk we look around at our world and we wonder...
How can evil continue?
Where is God?
Why is evil and deception allowed to go on and on and on...?

How long LORD?
Why do you make me look at this injustice?
Why do you tolerate wrongdoing?
Justice never prevails...and the wicked are surrounding the righteous...?

But Habakkuk remembers His Creator:

Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vine, though the olive crop fails, and the fields produce no food, and there are no sheep or cattle in the stalls...
Still, I will rejoice in the LORD...The Sovereign LORD is my strength...He makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to climb to the high places...

This is my Father's world
He shines in all that's fare
In rustling grass I hear him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

The song invites us back to the beginning of Creation (in the garden **3:8**)...to a place where God is present and walks with us "in cool of the day..."

- We are safe in the truest, and most final sense.
- We are cared for.
- We are at peace.
- We are entrusted with the care of this world and mankind...

Look for "Creator" in the coming days...Where and in what is He speaking to you?

What do you hear with your "listening ears?"

"Rest in the thought..."

This is YOUR Father's World!