

The Creator's Origin of Life - 9

The knowledge of the powerful, all-wise Creator, which He has imparted to those who listen to his word, and the knowledge of His purpose with this planet, and their witnessing of its gradual development over the ages - all fill them with gratitude - Psalm 104:33 "I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. 34 May my meditation be sweet to Him; I will be glad in the Lord."

And so there is a closing prayer to this psalm - may it be as sweet - as acceptable - to God as the "burnt offering to the Lord" - "a sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to the Lord" - Exodus 29:18, and as acceptable to God as the sweet incense which the high priest burned on the golden altar - Exodus 40:26.

The sense of the word translated "sweet" is 'acceptable'. It is particularly associated with sacrifice. As God rejoices in that which His hands have made, so David would rejoice in God. If the days of creation have been the background against which the Psalmist has developed his thoughts then surely the seventh day, the sabbath of rest, is in his mind as he concludes his meditations - the rest that remains for the people of God - Hebrews 4:9.

The final prayer in this Psalm takes us beyond what was represented in the six days of creation - that seventh day of rest - Psalm 104:35 "May sinners be consumed from the earth, And the wicked be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord!"

How can we not be thrilled at the very thought of Jesus' words being fulfilled, when "the Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness." It will be the time when 43 "the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father" - Matthew 13:41. In anticipation of that time, when the wicked will be no more, he can join also exclaim, "Bless the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord!"

We have reviewed the six days of creation as presented in the book of Genesis - and the comment on those events in the Psalm. We now pause to take a very close look at one aspect of the creation. According to the book of Genesis, the Creator of animal life in its great diversity, also took careful account of how their lives would be sustained. We see this when He is quoted as saying, "to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground - everything that has the breath of life in it - I give every green plant for food" - Genesis 1:30.

And now, when we look to see where these animals find their food, regardless of what each kind eats, it all goes back to the "green plant." In the study of living things, and how they interact with each other, an important part concerns food. A food chain exists within each group of organisms, as grasshoppers eating grasses, smaller birds consuming grasshoppers and hawks eating the birds.

Holding up the entire food web are the organisms which supply the primary food source - somewhat like a primary industry supporting the economy of a district. That source is supplied by plants which convert solar energy into the chemical energy which is stored in the food they produce.