

I Was Created for His Pleasure

Rev 4:10-11

10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

1. Introduction

1. I had a friend who told me that growing up, his dad was in the business of building homes, living in them and selling them.
2. And then I watched my friend do the same thing.
3. After he built the home, he was very proud of it for it was built to his own specifications.

4. We had some fellowship with him and his family at the home and he was very proud to show me around while talking about his plans and the history of how the project all came together.
5. He had built a pole barn garage first that he and his family lived in while he built the main house. And once the main house was finished, the garage was then converted into a garage.
6. He loved to show how the whole project came together and took great pleasure in it. It was very impressive.
7. A good craftsman can indeed take pleasure in what he built because his work reflects a piece of himself.
8. Seeing how my friend took pleasure in his creation helped me understand the important truths outlined in Revelation 4:11.
9. That God created all things, and that His created things are created for His pleasure.

10. I want to preach on this subject, **Created for His Pleasure.**

II. For His pleasure

A. God created all things

1. First, this verse (along with many others) tell us that there is a worthy Lord on the throne who created all things.

Rev 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

2. Do we believe what the scripture said? That God indeed created all things?

3. Of course, we all know we had a father and mother who were responsible for our conception and birth, but that is how God created Adam and Even with a mission to replenish and multiply.

4. We read about our creation and that mission in:

Gen 1:26-28

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

5. So we were created by God. We will come back to this verse to talk about what it means to be created in His image.
6. But without going into scientific cause and effect, the production of matter from non-matter, or the formation of living creatures

- out of non-living things, the Bible just tells us authoritatively, God created all things.
7. Read Genesis chapters 1 & 2 for the details God chose to give us on creation, from the heavens to the earth, plants, animals, and humans.
 8. David summarized it this way:
Ps 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.
 9. And the apostle Paul summed it up this way:
Col 1:16-17
16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:
17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.
 10. Some in the science professions are determined to pursue and prove an idea

that creation has no Creator, but that it accidentally generated itself with intricate order governed by universal laws, and then billions of years later and over billions of years, life itself accidentally generated with its intricate biological and molecular complexities.

11. Those same scientists realize the mathematical improbability of such accidents producing all this grand design, but they believe it anyway.
 12. For them it comes down to having so great a faith in their theory, that they no longer speak of it as a theory but as fact.
 13. Quite honestly, believing that theory requires a great deal more faith than that there is a worthy, and all-wise God on the throne who created all things.
- B. Created for His pleasure
1. The second part of Rev 4:11 that we will focus on speaks of why we were created.

2. Not only did God create us, but He created us for His pleasure:
Rev 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.
3. So, what does that mean, that we were created for His pleasure?
4. If you are a skilled craftsman who built your own home, or other major project that turned out well, you understand what it means that you created something for your pleasure.
5. Another translation says: *“you created what you pleased.”*
6. After God created mankind, He had the opinion it was very good:
Gen 1:31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

7. We were created to please God. If we live with that in mind, we should face each day with this question: **“God, how may I please you today?”**
8. With that focus, it moves us away from thinking our life is to be lived to please me.
9. It is another reminder, **it’s not all about me!**
10. So we get to the main point of this message.
 - c. Created to please God
 1. Being created to please God means that our life choices need to be made with pleasing God in mind.
 2. *Col 1:10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every **good work**, and increasing in the knowledge of God;*
 3. *2 Tim 2:19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth **them that are his**. And, Let*

*every one that nameth the name of Christ
depart from iniquity.*

4. It is like being told, “you serve at the pleasure of the King.” I represent the King with my life choices. When people look at me, they should see God in and through me because I live to please God.
 5. If I live to please God, people will be able to see God in me.
 6. So that means our life must eliminate the things that God is displeased with and make no room for those things in my life.
- D. Created to good works
1. If God is going to look at me and say, “it is very good,” I need to live my life pursuing the things God says are good and staying away from those things God says are bad or evil.

*Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus **unto good works,***

which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

2. *Matt 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, **that they may see your good works,** and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*
3. Something we must think about is that God is holy. If I was created for the pleasure of a holy God, then I need to reflect holiness in my character and holiness in my conduct.
4. One way that we can easily judge our own success in that area is by seeing how we present ourselves to the world on our Facebook page.
5. Before you hit the “post” button, think about God’s holy character and ask if what I am saying shows I was created for His holy pleasure.
6. If you are a regular Facebook user, go back and look over your posts of the past month.
7. Would you say that you put display an image of a person who was created for God’s pleasure? Does that image reflect

God's image?

*Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his own image, **in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.***

8. When God created us in His image, that meant His character was placed on us. So when people look at us, it should be something like looking at God.
9. Of course we fail in that, but that does not mean it should not be our continual pursuit.

E. Created in His image

1. Whose image and superscription is on us?
2. Let's talk about our image by looking at the question Jesus was asked about paying taxes.

Matt 22:17 Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?

3. They were trying to get Jesus to say something that would get Him into trouble, but Jesus surprised them by asking them a

question.

Matt 22:19-21

19 Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny.

20 And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription [name stamped above]?

21 They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.

4. Because the coin was made in Caesar's image, it belonged to Caesar.
5. But Jesus added, the things that are made in God's image belong to God and should be given to God.
6. We were created in God's image, so we are to reflect God and give ourselves to God.
- F. Bearing His name

1. The second part of the coin that Jesus noticed was that it had not only Caesar's image, but also Caesar's name on it.
2. So how many of you have been baptized in Jesus' name according to the command of scripture?

*Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you **in the name of Jesus Christ** for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*

3. You have taken the name of God on you. In other words, not only were you created in God's image, you have also had His name superscripted on you.
4. That means you have taken His name.
5. Like a bride takes the name of her groom, you have taken on the name of Jesus.
6. We become little Jesus' bearing His image and His name, and therefore we are to reflect Him.

2 Tim 2:19 Nevertheless the foundation of

*God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that **nameth the name of Christ** depart from iniquity.*

7. You are the coin made in God's image with His name is written on you.
- G. Don't take His name in vain
1. Part of this message of being created for His pleasure, is a warning: don't take His name in vain.
2. Do you remember the commandment about taking His name in vain?
"You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain" (Exodus 20:7).
3. We have mostly applied that to cursing using God's name, but it goes much further than that.
4. When we are a bearer of God's name, and we must accomplish the sworn oath to live with His name on us as His bride, as His church, as His representative.

5. I am not my own. I don't belong to me.
1 Cor 6:19-20
19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?
20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

6. When we take His name on us and have His Spirit in us, we are His and are to bring pleasure and glory to God in this body.

7. That is what it means to be created for His pleasure, and not to the pleasures of this world.

Rom 12:1-2

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your

mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

8. A living sacrifice is one who trades their own pleasures for God's pleasures.
9. I lay on God's altar, my carnal, fleshly, sinful desires, and become transformed in a holy renewal of my mind.

III. Conclusion

1. If we have His name on us, let us not bear His name in vain.
2. People need to see those who bear His name, appropriately act and live as one with Christ upon and in us.
3. Sometimes we are the only image of God people see in this dark world, so we need to reflect God's image well.
4. If I am cursing, treating people badly, dressing immodestly, cheating, lying, abusing others and my own body, I am taking the Lord's name in vain.

5. Let's recall two verses we read this morning that remind us if I am created for His pleasure, in His image, and in His name, I will reflect His workmanship:

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

6. We are a house God built for His pleasure and He dwells in us and desires that His light shine brightly through us:

Matt 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

7. I Was Created for His Pleasure; in His Image and For His Pleasure