

Message Title: Our Great Creator

Theme: This message considers local evangelical church ministries and how they differ one from another. They all have a basic theme of living to a higher standard, following biblical guidelines, proclaiming the eternal difference it will make if we follow its leadership and encourage members to serve God, but something has changed. In the recent past when someone died, people would comment that “he has gone to meet his maker”, but not any longer. We have ceased to perceive God as our Creator and think in terms of being our supernatural benefactor. The one to get help from when we have needs or desires that are beyond our abilities.

The first thing we read in the Bible is, “God created the heaven and the earth” and then it goes on to detail each day of creation. Later on it says, “The earth *is* the LORD'S, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein”. When we perceive God as our Creator it changes everything. We become aware that we are being allowed to enjoy what God has created for Himself and that our existence is an incredible gift to us. Life begins to have a higher purpose than just the three basic instincts of, Self gratification, Self propagation and Self preservation and we begin to appreciate the Creators genius. It also changes our service from duty into desire and it becomes a joy to follow the will of the one who made us.

Salient Points: The way God wrote His book, Churches with different personalities, What your church makes you think about, What motivates you to serve, Taking credit for your work, The most predominate Old and New Testament Saints, What made them predominate, Living daily in God’s reality, Seeing God as the Creator of everything not just the provider, Where God wants our focus, Distracted from our purpose, Fulfilling God’s desire.

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The speaker would like you to know that all of these messages are in the chronological progression that God revealed them, and even though many may stand alone, they progress through several subjects that build on the previous

lessons. This series of messages titled "Our Timeless Creator" (OTC), shift the focus from salvation and service, to understanding God. How He who needs nothing, benefits from creating the human race. It started in 2007 when God brought the speaker to Psalm 50:15 three times following the miraculous healing of his dying wife. It reads, "***And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me***". Following this he prayed fervently. "LORD, show me how to glorify you and I will do the best I can". The speaker had become a new creature, (2 Corinthians 5:17) on May 20 1973. At that moment the reality of GOD's existence and the direct connection to the Bible became miraculously clear. Overwhelmed with excitement he began telling everyone who had a few moments to listen, what he had found, like a man who had found a cure for a terminal illness, which everyone had. His excitement and enthusiasm continued for well over a year, even when many said, "you'll get over it." Slowly his efforts began to focus on responsibility and all the how-tos of service. As the excitement faded it was replaced with frustration. He had said many times "the most frustrating thing in life is, knowing what GOD could do and watch him not do it". In 2005 GOD began a work as described in Job 5:17-18, that changed everything. He says," it was much like when I first became a child of God all over again". He describes it like application of (2 Corinthians 3:18), "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, ***even*** as by the Spirit of the Lord". Truly a life changing experience as God increases and we automatically decrease.