

## **His Name Shall Be Called Wonderful (4)**

### **Beginning of the Creation of God**

There may be some expressions in the Word of God that may not be immediately recognized as a divine title, or name of the Lord Jesus. Such is the case with the expression, *“the beginning of the creation of God”*, which is found at the commencement of the letter to the church of Laodicea (Rev. 3:14-22).

The letter to the church of Laodicea begins with the Lord Jesus Christ being referred to as *“the Amen”*, and *“the true and faithful witness”*. These are also divine titles of the Lord Jesus. As the *“Amen”*, He is the ultimate fulfillment and affirmation of all of the promises of God. The apostle Paul wrote concerning the Lord Jesus, *“for all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen”* (2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 1:20).

As the *“faithful and true witness”* He embodies truth and faithfulness in all their fullness. The Lord Jesus said to Pilate, *“To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice”* (Jn. 18:37). In the book of Revelation, John saw a vision of the Lord Jesus sitting upon a white horse and he said concerning Him, He is called *“Faithful and True”* (Rev. 19:11).

In the phrase, *“the beginning of the creation of God”*, the word, *“Beginning”*, has been translated by some to mean *“head”*, or, *“ruler”*. By this we understand that the Lord Jesus is not the first created being, but is actually the Creator, and as such, is head over His creation. All creatures are subject to Him.

John wrote, *“all things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made”* (Jn. 1:3). Paul wrote concerning Christ in the book of Colossians, *“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: And he is before (He existed before all things) all things, and by him all things consist (are held together)”* (Col. 1:16-17).

The writer of the epistle to the Hebrews expressed that God made the worlds through the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son, whom He appointed heir of all things (Heb. 1:2). Paul also wrote in the book of Ephesians that God created all things by Jesus Christ (Eph. 3:9). In the book of the Revelation, twenty-four elders fall down in worship before the Lord Jesus saying, *“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”* (Rev. 4:11).

The opening verse of the Word of God states, *“in the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth”* (Gen. 1:1). The word for *“God”*, in this verse indicates that all three persons of the Godhead Father, Son and Holy Spirit, were involved in the creation of the world. All of the sacred Scriptures, from Genesis to Revelation, agree and testify that the Lord Jesus is the Sovereign creator of the universe and all creatures therein.

The Lord Jesus manifested His power over creation throughout His earthly ministry. He healed all manner of sickness and disease (Matt. 4:23), exercised His power and authority over demons (Mk. 1:27; Luke 4:36) and even raised the dead (Mk. 5:42; Luke 7:13-15; Jn. 11:43-44).

He demonstrated His power over plants, when He cursed the fig tree, so that it would never again bear fruit (Mk. 11:12-21). He walked on the wind tossed waves of the sea (Matt.

13:23-25). He rebuked the wind and the sea with the words, “*peace, be still*”, and they obeyed Him. (Mk. 4:41). Creation submits to the creator!

*The Beginning of Creation,  
The Almighty Lord is He;  
He who laid the earth's foundation,  
From the past eternity.*

*He, the universe upholding,  
By the power of His Word;  
Through the ages yet unfolding,  
Truth of Godhead, unexplored.*

*Stately trees or fragrant flowers,  
Flowing rivers, boundless seas;  
The Creator's awesome powers,  
Are displayed in all of these.*

*All creation in subjection,  
All must yield to His commands;  
Each one formed in their perfection,  
Fashioned by His skilful hands.*

*All through Him originated,  
Man or beast, or field, the same;  
For His pleasure were created,  
Glorify His holy name.*

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