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NASA's premier intergalactic telescope is strategically positioned aboard the WMAP satellite orbiting the earth and transmitting never-before-seen images of the majestic cosmos to Mission Control in Houston. There, the team of stellar scientists ponder and computer enhance the findings and interpret their significance to the mysteries of our origin. In April, 2006, a retroactive computerization from one such telescopic discovery was released on the media airways that brought NASA to its knees.

"From the moment of inception, the cosmos expanded billions of light years in the first trillionth of a second."

Defying all laws of physics and far exceeding every natural explanation, our visible universe today contains more than 100 billion galaxies, arrayed through space in gigantic clusters that seem to form spidery webs of matter."

Majesty.

So great was the realization that NASA's scientific research lab's director, Dr. Robert Jastrow, explained, "Now we know with absolute certainty that supernatural forces were at work in the creation of the universe."

One scientist at NASA exclaimed as he stared in to the awesomeness of the inception of the cosmos, "I used to worship science as my god. Now I worship on my knees."

If His majesty is seen in the macro, it is even more evident in the micro. If the telescope bears witness of His omnipotence, the microscope testifies of His brilliance.

One cell, for example, in the retina of the human eye (of which there are approximately ten million such cells working together like a finely tuned machine), performs a function simultaneously every thousandth of a second that would require five-hundred non linear differential equations one hundred times each to accomplish. It would take the Cray Super computer years to accomplish what the human eye can accomplish in seconds. (Can Evolution Produce an Eye? Not a chance! Dr. David N. Menton, April 1994, Vol. 4, No. 4)

No wonder Darwin himself was forced to confess in his own book Origin of the Species, "To suppose that the eye with all of its inimitable contrivances for adjusting to focus to different distances for many different amounts of light and

for the correction of the spherical and chromatic aberrations could have been formed by natural selection seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest degree." (Darwin, C., 1872. Origin of Species, Sixth Edition. Senate, London, chpt. 6

Awe.

Our God is beyond explanation.

Omnipotent.

Our God is more powerful than our ability to explain.

Omnipresent.

He is everywhere at the same time.

Sovereignty.

He does what He desires. He rules over all. He makes no mistakes.

He has a careful purpose for every moment of your life.

He carefully weaves each event, each circumstance, each success, and each failure to accomplish His divine plan "to make you like Jesus."

Like a tiny piece of mosaic tile uniquely shaped by the mallet and the chisel of the craftsman who trims it for the masterpiece work of art hidden in the mind of the artist, so God fashions you and shapes you for the great purpose for which He's created you; all your gifts, all your talents, all your hills, all your valleys, every moment of grandeur and every moment of descent. "For we are His workmanship, created in Him to do good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them." (Ephesians 2:10)

Mark these Key Words:

Sovereignty Jesus God

Old Testament Viewpoint

Psalms, 103:19; Daniel 7:27; Daniel 11:4; Jeremiah 32:37; Genesis 1:1

Psalms, 103:19 The LORD has established His throne in the heavens, And His sovereignty rules over all.

Daniel 7:27 "Then the sovereignty, the dominion and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him."

Daniel 11:4 But as soon as he has arisen, his kingdom will be broken up and parceled out toward the four points of the compass, though not to his own descendants, nor according to his authority which he wielded, for his sovereignty will be uprooted and given to others besides them.

Jeremiah 32:27 "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh; is anything to difficult for me?"

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

New Testament Viewpoint

Mark 4:39; Mark 5:35, 36, 41; Mark 9:20, 25; Philippians 2:9-11

Mark 4:39 And being aroused, He rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Hush, be still." And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm.

Mark 5:35,36,41 While He was still speaking, they came from the house of the synagogue official, saying, "Your daughter has died; why trouble the teacher anymore?" But Jesus, overhearing what was being spoken, said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid any longer, only believe." 41And taking the child by the hand, He said to her, "Talitha kum!" (Which translated means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!").

Mark 9:20,25 And they brought the boy to Him and when he saw Him, immediately the spirit threw him into a convulsion, and falling to the ground, he began rolling about and foaming at the mouth. 25And when Jesus saw that a crowd was rapidly gathering, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and do not enter him again."

Philippians 2:9-11 Therefore, also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

OBSERVATION: What is God saying?

- 1) Sovereignty is defined as the supreme status, dominion, or power. This person surpasses all others in rank and authority. How do you see this expressed in the Old Testament passages?

- 2) Deism teaches that God began the process but sits idly by and passively allows life to proceed without His direct involvement. How does God's Word differ from this philosophy?

- 3) How do you see God's sovereignty differently now than you did before this study?

- 4) In what four ways did Jesus demonstrate God's sovereignty in these New Testament passages?
 - A. Power over _____
 - B. Power over _____
 - C. Power over _____
 - D. Power over _____

5) What does Jesus' resurrection tell you about God's sovereignty?

6) What sovereignty status does God give Jesus in eternity?



PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS: *What else of significance do you see God saying in this passage?*



APPLICATION: *How does this passage relate to me today? What changes does it bring to my life?*

LOCKER ROOM:



What do you want more than anything else in the world today?

MEMORY VERSE: Psalms, 103:19



The LORD has established His throne in the heavens, and His sovereignty rules over all.



My Prayers



Adoration: Father, today I praise You for...



Confession: Father, please forgive me for...



Thanksgiving: Father, today I'm thankful for...



Supplication: Father, the people & things that I wish to pray for today are...