

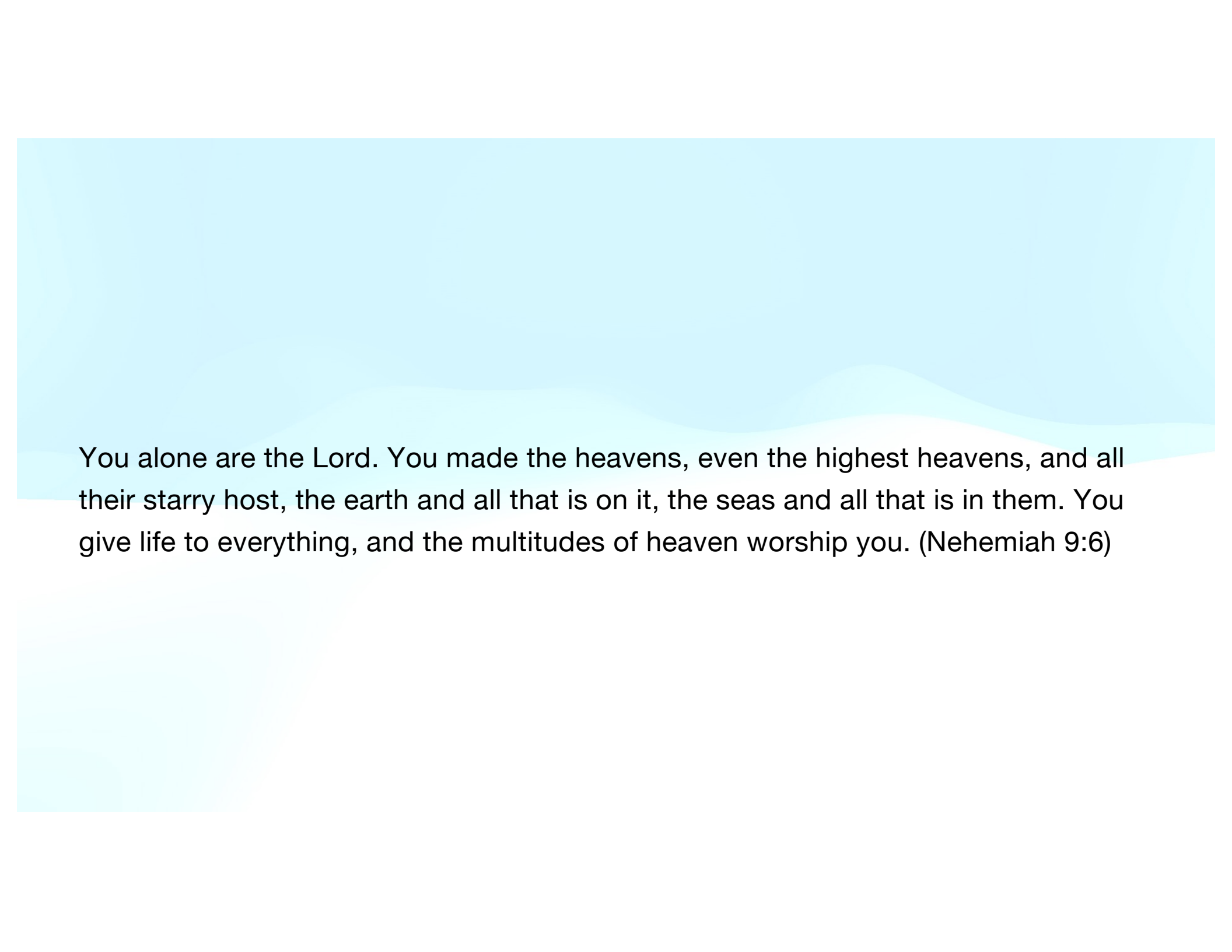
Creations' Callings

Are we worshipping creation or the Creator?

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IN SPACE - JULY 12: In this handout photo provided by NASA, a landscape of mountains and valleys speckled with glittering stars is actually the edge of a nearby, young, star-forming region called NGC 3324 in the Carina Nebula, on July 12, 2022 in space. Captured in infrared light by NASA's new James Webb Space Telescope, this image reveals for the first time previously invisible areas of star birth.
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You alone are the Lord. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you. (Nehemiah 9:6)

Yosemite



Antelope Canyon









26 Then God said, “Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.”

27

So God created human beings in his own image.

In the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

28 Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.” (Gen 1:26-28)





[Romans 1:20](#), NIV

For since the **creation** of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

Psalm 148, NIV

1

Praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights above.

2

Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

3

Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars.

4

Praise him, you highest heavens
and you waters above the skies.

5

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for at his command they were
created,

6

and he established them for ever and
ever—
he issued a decree that will never pass
away.

7

Praise the Lord from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all
ocean depths,

8

lightning and hail, snow and clouds,
stormy winds that do his bidding,

9

you mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars,

10

wild animals and all cattle,
small creatures and flying birds,

11

kings of the earth and all nations,
you princes and all rulers on earth,

12

young men and women,
old men and children.

13

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
his splendor is above the earth and
the heavens.

14

And he has raised up for his people a horn,
the praise of all his faithful servants,
of Israel, the people close to his heart.
Praise the Lord.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. (Genesis 1:1-2)

Isaiah 40:25-31 (NIV)

25

“To whom will you compare me?
Who is my equal?” asks the Holy One.

26

Look up into the heavens.
Who created all the stars?
He brings them out like an army, one after another,
calling each by its name.
Because of his great power and incomparable
strength, not a single one is missing.

27

O Jacob, how can you say the Lord does not see
your troubles?

O Israel, how can you say God ignores your
rights?

28

Have you never heard?
Have you never understood?
The Lord is the everlasting God,

the Creator of all the earth.
He never grows weak or weary.
No one can measure the depths of his
understanding.

29

He gives power to the weak
and strength to the powerless.

30

Even youths will become weak and tired,
and young men will fall in exhaustion.

31

But those who trust in the Lord will find new
strength.
They will soar high on wings like eagles.
They will run and not grow weary.
They will walk and not faint.

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

-Ephesians 2:10 (NASB)



Heart Check: Are we worshipping creation or the Creator?

Jesus commissions disciples

7 And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ **8** Heal *the* sick, raise *the* dead, cleanse those with leprosy, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give. (*Matthew 10:7, NASB*)

14 Later He appeared to the eleven *disciples* themselves as they were reclining *at the table*; and He reprimanded them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who had seen Him after He had risen *from the dead*. **15** And He said to them, “**Go** into all the world and **preach the gospel to all creation**. **16** The one who has believed and has been baptized will be saved; but the one who has not believed will be condemned. **17** These signs will accompany those who have believed: **in My name they will** cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues; **18** they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly *poison*, it will not harm them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.” (*Mark 16:15, NASB*)