



**Sunday, August 1, 2010: Created for Joy**

**Scripture: Psalm 146**

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**Sermon Notes:**

1. Lost man finds himself a cosmic orphan, and tries to answer the big questions without reference to God.
2. The deepest longings of the soul are only satisfied in God.
3. We are all worshipers at heart, and we are conformed to the image of the thing that we worship.
4. Outside of reference to God our consciousness and being is a total mystery.
5. We have only one "right" before God, and that is to be called children of God.
6. The rest of our lives is in the hands of God, and we may face persecution, sickness and even death.
7. Hawkings said, when our reason grasps the meaning of all things, then we'll have the characteristics of deity.
8. However, only when we know our finiteness and embrace the purpose God gives can we have meaning in our lives.
9. Our lives have meaning only when we know and worship and praise God as our Creator and Sustainer moment by moment.
10. It is ridiculous to ask questions about things God has kept secret.
11. David is compelled to praise the Lord because he belongs to God and he is made to worship and know Him.
12. If you don't place your trust in God, you are faced with making an arbitrary choice of some unstable and fallible being.
13. Without reference to God we have no sure vision, and we have only man's agenda.
14. Only in reading the Word of God do we meet Christ for ourselves.

15. Sartre was consistent with his denial of God in saying that everything that exists is born without reason, prolongs itself out of weakness, and dies by chance.
16. David says happy are those who trust in God.
17. God's people have both help and hope in the Lord.

**Application Questions:**

1. What are the consequences of worshiping and being conformed to Darwinian ideas? Hollywood lifestyles and values? Sports icons? Personal accomplishment?
2. How do all the activities of your life tie together to bring glory to God?
3. What is a consistent view of life's meaning for those who deny God?
4. What is the quality that people possess who are joyful? (Psalm 146:5)
5. Why shouldn't we ask questions about God's secrets?