

Doctrines and Covenants 88:45-48

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This painting depicts the Creation after the fourth day, when the Lord “made the stars” [and] set them in firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth.”¹

Way back then, our immortal Savior was pre-mortal Jehovah, who told Abraham to “look toward heaven, and tell the stars, if [he was] able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.”² Knowing that none of God’s words would ever fall unto the earth, Abraham was fully persuaded, and “he staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief.”³

Similarly, without viewing and contemplating His vast universe, we can scarcely comprehend Jesus’ universal love and His majestic power to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man⁴. Then, we can “in awesome wonder consider all the worlds [God’s] hands have made... [and see God’s] pow’r thru-out the universe displayed.”⁵

He, who “doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number,” created worlds without number - of which ours is only one.⁶ If these cosmic facts are true, then it is of little wonder why we are forbidden to worship any of the hosts of heaven,⁷ Otherwise we would be worshipping something lesser in glory, in might, and in dominion.

The title of this painting is “*Doctrines and Covenants 88:45-48*”, where the Lord states: “The earth rolls upon her wings and the sun giveth his light by day, and the moon giveth her light by night, and the stars also give their light, as they roll upon their wings in their glory, in the midst of the power of God. Unto what shall I liken these kingdoms, that ye may understand? Behold, all these are kingdoms, and any man who hath seen any or the least of these hath seen God moving in his majesty and power. I say unto you, he hath seen him.” Indeed, by viewing this stretching universe, and His careful handiworks, we truly have seen God moving in his majesty!⁸

I testify that Jesus is the Christ; and “by Him, and through Him, and of Him, the worlds are and were created, and the inhabitants thereof are begotten sons and daughters unto God.”⁹ Thus, having imperfect knowledge, we simply cannot overlook His divine counsels that He gives us through the plain and precious scriptures, and through His living Prophets, while knowing that God can do anything, for God has “wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore.”¹⁰

When Christ comes again, the sun will hide his face in shame, the moon will withhold its light, and the stars will fall from their places¹¹ and every knee shall bow and every tongue confesses that Jesus is the Christ.

I know that He performed the agonizing Atonement out of His pure love and desire to immortalize all of His Father's children, with the most valiant people to live in His presence and that of our Heavenly Father.

Yet in the vastness of His creation, the Lord of the universe, who numbers every stars by name,¹² and who numbers the hairs of our head,¹³ is our personal Savior. Truly, "in heaven above, or on earth beneath, there is no God like [Him]!"¹⁴

This is my testimony, which is graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock of my faith for ever by the power of the Holy Ghost.¹⁵ In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen!

References

1. Genesis 1:16-17.
2. Genesis 15:5.
3. See 2 Kings 10:10; Romans 4:20-21.
4. See Moses 1:39.
5. "How Great Thou Art," Hymns, no.86.
6. Job 9:10; see also Ephesians 3:9; Hebrew 1:2.
7. See Deuteronomy 4:19; 17:3.
8. See also Alma 30:44.
9. D&C 76:24.
10. 1 Kings 4:29; see also Job 42:2-3.
11. See D&C 133:49.
12. See Isaiah 40:26; Psalms 147:4
13. See Matthew 10:30; Luke 12:7.
14. 1 Kings 8:23.
15. see Job 19:24.