

FOR THY PLEASURE

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Revelation 4:8-11

(8) The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying:
"Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God Almighty,
Who was and is and is to come!" (9) Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, (10) the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:
(11) "You are worthy, O Lord,
To receive glory and honor and power;
For You created all things,
And by Your will they exist and were created."

Our Creator and Savior is the One who receives ceaseless praise and worship from these remarkable angelic beings. Without directly saying it, this passage hints on a significant subject in this great purpose our Lord is working out: that, unlike the enemy and his demons, will we be faithful and loyal, to our Master, as He governs and works out His purpose for each of us individually? Or in our anxiety, will we rebel and/or resist?

Verse 11 holds the explanatory statement vital to our living by faith: in the first place, all things were created by Him... and all - including us - is created for His purpose to be achieved. The KJV translates this passage, "for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created."

The enemy did not want to accept this, and sincerely consider what has resulted! We must take this sobering thought down to our level, and to our current time, and analyze it in detail toward the issues of our own lives.

Is it possible for us to live by faith and know that He is, that He is fully aware of what He is doing with our lives, and that by His compassionate deed He has incorporated us as part of His good pleasure? Can we trust that He comprehends precisely where His creative efforts are headed, and what it will take to shape and form us into what He wishes? In the same token, only vaguely do we know His purpose for us. Nonetheless, we must unquestionably accept whatever He causes to bear on us for His purposes, for His glory, and for His honor.

At His service,
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