

ALWAYS AT HIS WORK

Jesus said to them, “My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working.” (John 5:17)

The six days of creation were indeed a busy time for God. After several thousand years of research and investigation we are yet to grasp the full magnitude of what God created in only six days. Almost every day we discover a new star, or a new galaxy, a new plant, or a new fish, a new fossil or a new form of life. Even though God ended His creative work thousands of years ago and we have not yet scratched the surface of what He has created. Obviously, our finite minds cannot completely understand that which is Infinite. Paul wrote by inspiration that God's judgements are unsearchable and His ways past finding out. He was right! On the seventh day, as you know, God rested.

His rest, however, was only partial. It was limited to creation. After six days God stopped creating things, but God did not stop working. As Jesus pointed out, God is always at work to this very day. Maintaining the creation, and holding all things together, is so utter complex that it defies human understanding.

Here are some of the things that God does on a daily basis. For the sake of “simplicity” we will by-pass God's management of the heavens and confine our thoughts to the earth. Again, for the sake of “simplicity”, we will by-pass the incredible complexities of nature, and lower forms of life, and confine our thoughts only to humans. As you know, our earth is only an infinitesimally small speck in a universe that is beyond our comprehension. And you also know, human activity is only a tiny fraction of what happens on earth. Yet, what God does on this earth, just with humans, is still absolutely incomprehensible. Please consider:

- God is actively involved in the development and birth of every baby (Ps. 139:13 - 16). There are over six billion people alive right now and billions more who have lived and died in the past, and God was actively involved in the birth and death of every one.
- It is impossible for anyone to escape His knowledge and scrutiny (Ps. 139:1 - 12). God keeps track of the virtues and vices of every person on earth. Even the very hairs of our head are all numbered (Matt. 10:30). God is our Heavenly Father and is diligent to care for each and every one of His children on earth.
- He hears us when we grumble (Ex. 16:7) and He also hears the cry of the needy (Job 34:28).
- To show the minuteness of His watchfulness we are warned that God will make us give an account for every careless word we speak (Matt. 12:36).
- Jesus stands at the door of our hearts and asks to enter in (Rev. 3:20). When we open that door, both Jesus and the Father enter in and make their home in our hearts (Jn. 14:23). At this time God also writes His laws on our hearts and minds (2 Cor. 3:3; Heb. 8:7 - 12).
- He will go with us each step of the way and will never leave us or forsake us (Heb. 13:5).
- Each time we do a good deed He keeps track of it and adds it to our treasures in heaven (Matt. 6:20). He also monitors our ability to stand firm and will not allow us to be tempted above what we are able to endure (1 Cor. 10:13).
- He knows when we are in trouble and promises to give us wisdom if we ask for it in faith (Ja. 1:5).
- He does not slumber or sleep and is a very present help to those in trouble (Ps. 46:1).
- He rejoices when we repent and each time a believer dies He is ready with open arms to welcome us into heaven.
- This is just a brief glimpse of *some* of God's infinite activities. Perhaps it will help you to understand what Jesus meant by the words: **“My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working.” (John 5:17)** If nothing else it will help us to understand that slothful and unproductive people are not godly. So let's work while it is yet day, because the night is coming when no man can work!