

Hebrews 1:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:

Analysis

The author quotes Psalm 102:25 to demonstrate Christ's eternal deity and creative power. The Greek 'su kat archēn' emphasizes the beginning of creation, affirming Christ as the pre-existent agent of creation. This refutes Arianism and affirms the Reformed doctrine of Christ's full deity, essential for our redemption since only God can save.

Historical Context

Written to Jewish Christians (c. 60-70 AD) facing persecution, this passage grounds their faith in Christ's supremacy over angels by showing His role as Creator, a title reserved exclusively for YHWH in the Hebrew Scriptures.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does Christ's role as Creator strengthen your confidence in His ability to sustain you through trials?
2. Why is Christ's full deity essential to the doctrine of salvation by grace alone?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	Σὺ	κατ'	ἀρχάς	κύριε	τὴν	γῆν	
And	Thou	in	the beginning	Lord	^{G3588}	of the earth	
G2532	G4771	G2596	G746	G2962		G1093	
ἐθεμελίωσας	καὶ	ἔργα	τῶν	χειρῶν	σοῦ	εἰσιν οἱ	
hast laid the foundation	And	the works	^{G3588}	hands	of thine	are	^{G3588}
G2311	G2532	G2041		G5495	G4675	G1526	
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the heavens							
G3772							

Additional Cross-References

Genesis 1:1 (Parallel theme): In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Jeremiah 32:17 (References Lord): Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee:

Isaiah 42:5 (References Lord): Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:

Isaiah 48:13 (Parallel theme): Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens: when I call unto them, they stand up together.

Zechariah 12:1 (References Lord): The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him.

Isaiah 64:8 (References Lord): But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.

Isaiah 51:13 (References Lord): And forgettest the LORD thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and hast feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy? and where is the fury of the oppressor?

Proverbs 8:29 (Parallel theme): When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:

Revelation 3:14 (Parallel theme): And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

Psalms 19:1 (Parallel theme): The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.