

SCRIPTURES ON CREATION

1. WE CARE FOR THE CREATION BECAUSE GOD MADE IT, OWNS IT, AND SUSTAINS IT.

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;
(Psa. 24:1, NIV).

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
(Psa. 90:2, NIV).

Your word, O LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you established the earth, and it endures. Your laws endure to this day, for all things serve you.
(Psa. 119:89-91, NIV).

You alone are the LORD. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you.
(Neh. 9:6, NIV).

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.
(1 Chr. 29:11, NIV).

For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.
(Psa. 95:3-5, NIV).

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.
(John 1:1-3, NIV).

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
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How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number--living things both large and small. There the ships go to and fro, and the leviathan, which you formed to frolic there. These all look to you to give them their food at the proper time. When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things. When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust. When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.
(Psa. 104:24-30, NIV).

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But in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.
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"I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!"
(John 8:58, NIV).



2. WE CARE FOR THE CREATION BECAUSE IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS GOD'S STEWARDS.

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."
(Gen. 1:26-28, NIV).

Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field.
(Gen. 2:19, NIV).

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet: all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
(Psa. 8:3-9, NIV).

The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.
(Gen. 2:15, NIV).

You made him a little lower than the angels; you crowned him with glory and honor and put everything under his feet." In putting everything under him, God left nothing that is not subject to him. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to him.
(Heb. 2:7-8, NIV).

He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate -- bringing forth food from the earth: wine that gladdens the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread that sustains his heart.
(Psa. 104:14-15, NIV).



The fear and dread of you will fall upon all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air, upon every creature that moves along the ground, and upon all the fish of the sea; they are given into your hands. Everything that lives and moves will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything.
(Gen. 9:2-3, NIV).

In your hands he has placed mankind and the beasts of the field and the birds of the air. Wherever they live, he has made you ruler over them all. You are that head of gold.
(Dan. 2:38, NIV).

Follow my decrees and be careful to obey my laws, and you will live safely in the land. Then the land will yield its fruit, and you will eat your fill and live there in safety.
(Lev. 25:18-19, NIV).

You have increased the number of your merchants till they are more than the stars of the sky, but like locusts they strip the land and then fly away.
(Nahum 3:16, NIV).

So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.
(Rom. 14:12, NIV).

3. WE CARE FOR THE CREATION BECAUSE GOD CARES FOR IT, LOVES IT, AND DELIGHTS IN IT.

All of Psalm 104, the "Creation Psalm."

The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.
(Psa 145:9, NIV).

You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. The LORD is righteous in all his ways and loving towards all he has made.
(Psa 145:16-17, NIV).

For six years you are to sow your fields and harvest the crops, but during the seventh year let the land lie unplowed and unused. Then the poor among your people may get food from it, and the wild animals may eat what they leave. Do the same with your vineyard and your olive grove.
(Exodus 23:10-11, NIV).

Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture? Must you also trample the rest of your pasture with your feet? Is it not enough for you to drink clear water? Must you also muddy the rest with your feet?
(Ez. 34:18, NIV).

When you lay siege to a city for a long time, fighting against it to capture it, do not destroy its trees by putting an ax to them, because you can eat their fruit. Do not cut them down. Are the trees of the field people, that you should besiege them?
(Deut. 20:19, NIV).

Woe to you who add house to house and join field to field till no space is left and you live alone in the land.
(Isa. 5:8, NIV).

Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?
(Matt 6:26, NIV).

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father.
(Matt 10:29, NIV).

In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind.
(Job 12:10, NIV).

But the land you are crossing the Jordan to take possession of is a land of mountains and valleys that drinks rain from heaven. It is a land the LORD your God cares for; the eyes of the LORD your God are continually on it from the beginning of the year to its end.
(Deut. 11:11-12, NIV).

You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with corn, for so you have ordained it.
(Psa 65:9, NIV).

It will be made a wasteland, parched and desolate before me; the whole land will be laid waste because there is no-one who cares.
(Jer 12:11, NIV).

A righteous man cares for the needs of his animal, but the kindest acts of the wicked are cruel.
(Prov 12:10, NIV).

Job 38-42

Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them.
(Psa 111:2, NIV).

I [Wisdom] was there when he set the heavens in place, when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep, when he established the clouds above and fixed securely the fountains of the deep, when he gave the sea its boundary so that the waters would not overstep his command, and when he marked out the foundations of the earth. Then I was the craftsman at his side. I was filled with delight day after day, rejoicing always in his presence, rejoicing in his whole world and delighting in mankind.
(Prov 8:27-31, NIV).

But the LORD said, "You have been concerned about this vine, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. But Nineveh has more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left, and many cattle as well. Should I not be concerned about that great city?"
(Jonah 4:10-11, NIV).



4. WE CARE FOR THE CREATION BECAUSE IT IS THE MATERIAL SOURCE OF PHYSICAL LIFE, HEALTH, AND SUSTENANCE.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving towards all he has made. The LORD upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. (Psa 145:13-15, NIV).

Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? (Matt 6:26, NIV).

May God give you of heaven's dew and of earth's richness--an abundance of grain and new wine. (Gen 27:28, NIV).

Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy." (Acts 14:17, NIV).

I will send you rain in its season, and the ground will yield its crops and the trees of the field their fruit. (Lev 26:4, NIV).

Who cuts a channel for the torrents of rain, and a path for the thunderstorm, to water a land where no man lives, a desert with no-one in it, to satisfy a desolate wasteland and make it sprout with grass? (Job 38:25-27, NIV).

You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with corn, for so you have ordained it. You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops. You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance. The grasslands of the desert overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness. The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with corn; they shout for joy and sing. (Psa 65:9-13, NIV).

He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate -- bringing forth food from the earth: wine that gladdens the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread that sustains his heart. The trees of the LORD are well watered, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted. (Psa 104:14-16, NIV).



Be not afraid, O land; be glad and rejoice. Surely the LORD has done great things. Be not afraid, O wild animals, for the open pastures are becoming green. The trees are bearing their fruit; the fig-tree and the vine yield their riches.
(Joel 2:21-22, NIV).

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(Acts 14:17, NIV).

5. WE CARE FOR THE CREATION BECAUSE IT REVEALS GOD'S GLORY AND CREATIVE HANDIWORK.

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun,
(Psa 19:1-4, NIV).

May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; may the LORD rejoice in his works--
(Psa 104:31, NIV).

Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD, O my soul
(Psa 103:22, NIV).

"Who among the gods is like you, O LORD? Who is like you-- majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?
(Exodus 15:11, NIV).

"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?
(Matt 6:28-30, NIV).



Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. (1 Chron 29:11, NIV).

Everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made." (Isa 43:7, NIV).

Sing for joy, O heavens, for the LORD has done this; shout aloud, O earth beneath. Burst into song, you mountains, you forests and all your trees, for the LORD has redeemed Jacob, he displays his glory in Israel. (Isa 44:23, NIV).

They have harps and lyres at their banquets, tambourines and flutes and wine, but they have no regard for the deeds of the LORD, no respect for the work of his hands. (Isa 5:12, NIV).

6. WE CARE FOR THE CREATION BECAUSE IT REVEALS GOD'S ETERNAL POWER AND DIVINE NATURE.

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. (Rom. 1:18-21, NIV).

By his power he churned up the sea; by his wisdom he cut Rahab to pieces. By his breath the skies became fair; his hand pierced the gliding serpent. And these are but the outer fringe of his works; how faint the whisper we hear of him! Who then can understand the thunder of his power?" (Job 26:12-14, NIV).

But God made the earth by his power; he founded the world by his wisdom and stretched out the heavens by his understanding. (Jer 10:12, NIV).

Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; (John 13:3, NIV).



7. WE CARE FOR THE CREATION BECAUSE WE LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR.

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.
(Matt 7:12, NIV).

"You have heard that it was said, love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.
(Matt 5:43-48, NIV).

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.
(Philippians 2:3-4, NIV).



Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture? Must you also trample the rest of your pasture with your feet? Is it not enough for you to drink clear water? Must you also muddy the rest with your feet?
(Eze 34:18, NIV).

8. WE CARE FOR THE CREATION BECAUSE WE WILL BE JUDGED REGARDING IT.

"When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.
(2 Chron. 7:13-14, NIV).

Then the land will enjoy its sabbath years all the time that it lies desolate and you are in the country of your enemies; then the land will rest and enjoy its sabbaths. All the time that it lies desolate, the land will have the rest it did not have during the sabbaths you lived in it.
(Lev. 26:34-35, NIV).

For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.
(Eccl 12:14, NIV).

This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live
(Deut. 30:19, NIV).

How long will the land lie parched and the grass in every field be withered? Because those who live in it are wicked, the animals and birds have perished. Moreover, the people are saying, "He will not see what happens to us."
(Jer 12:4, NIV).

It will be made a wasteland, parched and desolate before me; the whole land will be laid waste because there is no-one who cares.
(Jer 12:11, NIV).

The earth dries up and withers, the world languishes and withers, the exalted of the earth languish. The earth is defiled by its people; they have disobeyed the laws, violated the statutes and broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore a curse consumes the earth; its people must bear their guilt. Therefore earth's inhabitants are burned up, and very few are left.
(Isa 24:4-6, NIV).

The nations were angry; and your wrath has come. The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your saints and those who reverence your name, both small and great--and for destroying those who destroy the earth."
(Rev 11:18, NIV).

And if you defile the land, it will vomit you out as it vomited out the nations that were before you.
(Lev 18:28, NIV).



9. WE CARE FOR THE CREATION BECAUSE IT SHARES IN OUR REDEMPTION AND RESTORATION.

In that day I will make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field and the birds of the air and the creatures that move along the ground. Bow and sword and battle I will abolish from the land, so that all may lie down in safety.
(Hos 2:18, NIV).

The trees of the field will yield their fruit and the ground will yield its crops; the people will be secure in their land. They will know that I am the LORD, when I break the bars of their yoke and rescue them from the hands of those who enslaved them.
(Ezek. 34:27, NIV).



I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has?
(Rom 8:18-24, NIV).

For God was pleased to have all his fulness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.
(Col 1:19-20, NIV).

Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you -- even Jesus. He must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.
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For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For he "has put everything under his feet". Now when it says that "everything" has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.
(1 Cor 15:25-28, NIV).

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It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. But there is a place where someone has testified: "What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the angels; you crowned him with glory and honor and put everything under his feet." In putting everything under him, God left nothing that is not subject to him. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to him. But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.
(Heb 2:5-9, NIV).

10. WE CARE FOR THE CREATION BECAUSE IT WILL BE OUR FUTURE HOME AND THE KINGDOM OF THE REIGNING MESSIAH.

"Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you -- even Jesus. He must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.
(Acts 3:17-21, NIV).

The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.
(Isa 11:6-9, NIV).

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You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. Instead of the thornbush will grow the pine tree, and instead of briers the myrtle will grow. This will be for the LORD's renown, for an everlasting sign, which will not be destroyed." (Isa 55:12-13, NIV).

The LORD will surely comfort Zion and will look with compassion on all her ruins; he will make her deserts like Eden, her wastelands like the garden of the LORD. Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the sound of singing. (Isa 51:3, NIV).

And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely. (Hosea 2:18, KJV).

And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth." (Rev 5:9-10, NIV).