



**Should Christians Care about
Environmental Issues?**











Key Teachings About Our World and the Environment

God Created the World

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Psalms 24:1

The earth is the LORD'S, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein.



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God Created the World

Psalm 104:24 NKJV

O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all. The earth is full of Your possessions —



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The World is Cursed

Genesis 3:17-18

‘Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life.

Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field.’



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The World is Cursed

Romans 8:20-22 NLT

Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope, the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay. For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.



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God Has Planned the End

2 Peter 3:10

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.



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There Will Be Restoration

Revelation 21:1-4

Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea... God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”



Our Relationship to the World

Genesis 1:26-28 NKJV

Then God said, “Let Us make man **in Our image**, according to Our likeness; let them have **dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; **have dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”



Our Relationship to the World

Dominion

Dominion = Ruling authority

Subdue = Bring under submission or control



Our Relationship to the World

Dominion

Matthew 20:25-26

“You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.



Our Relationship to the World

Stewardship

Steward = Manager of another's resources

1 Corinthians 4:2

Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.



Our Relationship to the World

Stewardship

Genesis 1:29

And God said, “See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food.

1 Genesis 2:15

Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden **to tend and keep it.**



With great power comes great responsibility



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Stewardship

Proverbs 12:10-11

A righteous man regards the life of his animal, But the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.



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Stewardship

Deuteronomy 20:19-20

“When you besiege a city for a long time, while making war against it to take it, you shall not destroy its trees by wielding an ax against them; if you can eat of them, do not cut them down to use in the siege, for the tree of the field is man’s food. Only the trees which you know are not trees for food you may destroy and cut down, to build siegeworks against the city that makes war with you, until it is subdued.



Thoughts for Application

God Made the World for Us to Enjoy Its Beauty

Go Enjoy It!

Help Keep It Beautiful



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The Earth is the Lord's

God is sovereign over the future of creation

We are His stewards

