

MY FATHER'S WORLD



We don't need a crisis to celebrate and care

GREENING GOD'S PEOPLE

Both our present science and our present technology are so tinctured with orthodox Christian arrogance toward nature that no solution for our ecologic crisis can be expected from them alone. Since the roots of our trouble are so largely religious, the remedy must also be essentially religious, whether we call it that or not. We must rethink and refeel our nature and destiny.

Lynn White, "The Historical Roots of Our Ecologic Crisis"



**Our ethnicity, religious background, age, and experience
influence how we view our relationship to creation.**

Sadly, Scripture seldom does.



AN UNMISTAKABLE CALLING



Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; 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 in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

Genesis 1:26-28



The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

Genesis 2:15



**We don't celebrate creation with integrity
when we show no care for what God
created, owns, deems good, and will ultimately
return to restore.**



AN UNDENIABLE RESPONSIBILITY



I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children 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 freedom and glory 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 to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

Romans 8:18-23



Creation shared in the fall
(Gen. 3:17; 6:1ff; Isa. 24:3-8; Rom. 8:18-20)
and will share in redemption
(Isa. 11:6-9; Rom. 8:20-22; Rev. 21-22)

