

(Topics, Lead-in, and Lead-in Devotional Reading below)

Creation Will Be Redeemed

Genesis 1:26-28; 3:1-19; Psalm 104:24-30;
Isaiah 11:6-9; Romans 8:19-22; Revelation 21:1

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NC. Gm Gm^{add9} Gm Dm⁷ Dsus Dm Cm⁷ Cm⁶ Cm Dm Dm⁷

1. Our breath is the breath of our bound - less Cre - a - tor. The
2. We turned from the Source of all life and per - fec - tion. Now
3. But God is still weav - ing His un - chang - ing pur - pose. These

E♭add⁹ E♭ E♭M⁷ F F⁶ F⁷ Gm Gm[♭]/_{B♭} G[♭] sus / A Gm D⁷/_A

won - ders a - round us all flow from His heart. This
in - no - cent earth shares our judg - ment for sin. Its
birth pains are pass - ing and on - ly a phase. When

Gm Gm^{add9} Gm / D F Fadd⁹ D⁷/_{F#} Gm Gm^{add9} Gm Cm[♭]/_{E♭} E♭⁶ Cm[♭]/_{E♭}

world was cre - a - ted to shine with His great - ness, And
death and de - struc - tion, dis - ease and dis - as - ters All
all is re - born in - to glo - ri - ous free - dom, Cre -

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we as its rul - ers were giv - en a part.
 bleed from our deep sep - a - ra - tion from Him.
 a - tion to - geth - er will

3

$\frac{Gm}{D}$ Cm $\frac{Cm}{A}$ G_{sus} $\frac{G_{sus}}{D}$ G

rit.

shout out His praise!

TOPICS: Creator; Eternal Life

LEAD-IN: *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. (Romans 8:19-22, NIV)*

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

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For all the elegant beauty of this natural earth, it is also a violent, tumultuous place where life is always in the grip of death. How can this be, if God rules all creation? How can a good God claim to be sovereign in a world such as this?

Genesis 1:26-28 proclaims two truths about God's creation of the human race:

1. He made us in His own image and likeness.
2. He created us to rule over the earth as His stewards, sharing in His sovereignty.

We are inseparably connected to God our Creator, and we are inseparably connected to this earth, over which we rule. God subjected the earth to us.

When we rebelled against our Creator, we chose to use creation for our own selfish purposes (Genesis 3:1-6). When our relationship with the Creator was corrupted, so was the earth over which we ruled, now as unfaithful stewards (Romans 8:20). As our home and our responsibility, the earth shared in our fractured relationship with the Giver of all life (Genesis 3:17-18; see Psalm 104:27-30). The results were corruption, futility, and death, both for us and for our beautiful home.

Consistently in scripture, our obedience or disobedience to our Creator brings us either God's blessing or His cursing, respectively. This blessing and cursing are shared by our natural home as well (e.g., Deuteronomy 7:12-15; 8:6-10; 28:4, 18). As Creator God subjected this earth to us, this earth unwillingly shares in the fruit of our rebellion.

We see the turmoil in our natural world and know that as violence, pain, and death shrouds all human life, it shrouds our natural home as well.

But the good news is this: the corruption, futility, and death that rule this earth are only a passing phase. Creation's present turbulence is only the pain of childbirth (Romans 8:19-22). When we are redeemed and freed from our suffering, our earthly home will be as well (Isaiah 11:6-9; Revelation 21:1). Our destiny, God's unchangeable promise, is that we and our beautiful home will be perfected to the full glory of God. As it has shared our curse, it will share our blessedness. All the earth will be permeated with His life, His love, His holiness, and His perfect peace.

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