



MY FATHER'S WORLD



We don't need a crisis to celebrate and care

WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

Genesis 1:31



**May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD
rejoice in his works...**

Psalm 104:31



**For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory
of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.**

Habakkuk 2:14



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Creation Declares God's Presence

But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this?

Job 12:7-9; also Psalm 104: 31-Romans 1:20; Hebrews 11:3

**Precisely because creation is inherently valuable to God,
it is intrinsically valuable to us,
even before it serves us any instrumental purpose.**



**Exploitation begins when I fail to value
the things God values.**



Who is like the LORD our God, the One who sits enthroned on high, who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth? He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes, with the princes of his people. He settles the childless woman in her home as a happy mother of children. Praise the LORD

Psalm 113:5-9



**If we care about what God cares about,
we will care for what God cares for.**

**Exploitation thrives when we only treat as valuable
something that has value to us.**



When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Psalm 8:3-9

