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Love God

Love His Creatures

Love His Creation

Happy Earth Day!

Genesis 1:26

God said, “Let’s make man in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the sky, and over the livestock, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

Genesis 1:29-31

God said, “Behold, I have given you every herb yielding seed, which is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree, which bears fruit yielding seed. It will be your food. To every animal of the earth, and to every bird of the sky, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food;” and it was so.

God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. There was evening and there was morning, a sixth day.

Genesis 2:15

Yahweh God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate and keep it.

Exodus 23:4-5

“If you meet your enemy’s ox or his donkey going astray, you shall surely bring it back to him again. If you see the donkey of him who hates you fallen down under his burden, don’t leave him. You shall surely help him with it.”

Exodus 23:10-11

“For six years you shall sow your land, and shall gather in its increase, but the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie fallow, that the poor of your people may eat; and what they leave the animal of the field shall eat. In the same way, you shall deal with your vineyard and with your olive grove.”

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Leviticus 25:4-7

But in the seventh year there shall be a Sabbath of solemn rest for the land, a Sabbath to Yahweh. You shall not sow your field or prune your vineyard. What grows of itself in your harvest you shall not reap, and you shall not gather the grapes of your undressed vine. It shall be a year of solemn rest for the land. The Sabbath of the land shall be for food for you; for yourself, for your servant, for your maid, for your hired servant, and for your stranger, who lives as a foreigner with you. For your livestock also, and for the animals that are in your land, shall all its increase be for food.

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Leviticus 25:1-7

Yahweh said to Moses on Mount Sinai, "Speak to the children of Israel, and tell them, 'When you come into the land which I give you, then the land shall keep a Sabbath to Yahweh. You shall sow your field six years, and you shall prune your vineyard six years, and gather in its fruits; but in the seventh year there shall be a Sabbath of solemn rest for the land, a Sabbath to Yahweh. You shall not sow your field or prune your vineyard. What grows of itself in your harvest you shall not reap, and you shall not gather the grapes of your undressed vine. It shall be a year of solemn rest for the land. The Sabbath of the land shall be for food for you; for yourself, for your servant, for your maid, for your hired servant, and for your stranger, who lives as a foreigner with you. For your livestock also, and for the animals that are in your land, shall all its increase be for food.'

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Leviticus 25:23

“The land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine; for you are strangers and live as foreigners with me.”

Numbers 35:34

“You shall not defile the land which you inhabit, where I dwell; for I, Yahweh, dwell among the children of Israel.”

Deuteronomy 10:14

Behold, to Yahweh your God belongs heaven, the heaven of heavens, and the earth, with all that is therein.

Deuteronomy 20:19

When you shall besiege a city a long time, in making war against it to take it, you shall not destroy its trees by wielding an ax against them; for you may eat of them. You shall not cut them down, for is the tree of the field man, that it should be besieged by you?

Deuteronomy 22:6

If you come across a bird's nest on the way, in any tree or on the ground, with young ones or eggs, and the hen sitting on the young, or on the eggs, you shall not take the hen with the young.

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Deuteronomy 25:4

You shall not muzzle
the ox when he treads
out the grain.

Psalm 8:6-8

You make him ruler over
the works of your hands.

You have put all things
under his feet:

All sheep and cattle,

yes, and the animals of
the field,

the birds of the sky, the
fish of the sea,

and whatever passes
through the paths of the
seas.

Psalm 24:1-2

The earth is Yahweh's, with
its fullness;

the world, and those who
dwell in it.

For he has founded it on
the seas,

and established it on the
floods.

Psalm 50:10-11

For every animal of the
forest is mine,

and the livestock on a
thousand hills.

I know all the birds of the
mountains.

The wild animals of the
field are mine.

Psalm 65:9-13

You visit the earth, and water it.

You greatly enrich it.

The river of God is full of water.

You provide them grain, for so you have ordained it.

You drench its furrows.

You level its ridges.

You soften it with showers.

You bless it with a crop.

You crown the year with your bounty.

Your carts overflow with abundance.

The wilderness grasslands overflow.

The hills are clothed with gladness.

The pastures are covered with flocks.

The valleys also are clothed with grain.

They shout for joy!

They also sing.

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Psalm 89:11

The heavens are yours.

The earth also is yours,
the world and its
fullness.

You have founded them.

Psalm 96:11-12

Let the heavens be glad, and
let the earth rejoice.

Let the sea roar, and its
fullness!

Let the field and all that is in
it exult!

Then all the trees of the
woods shall sing for joy.

Psalm 104:24-25

Yahweh, how many are your works!

In wisdom, you have made them all.

The earth is full of your riches.

There is the sea, great and wide,

in which are innumerable living things,

both small and large animals.

Psalm 104

Bless Yahweh, my soul. Yahweh, my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty. He covers himself with light as with a garment. He stretches out the heavens like a curtain. He lays the beams of his rooms in the waters. He makes the clouds his chariot. He walks on the wings of the wind. He makes his messengers winds, and his servants, flames of fire. He laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be moved forever. You covered it with the deep as with a cloak. The waters stood above the mountains. At your rebuke they fled. At the voice of your thunder, they hurried away. The mountains rose, the valleys sank down, to the place which you had assigned to them. You have set a boundary that they may not pass over, that they don't turn again to cover the earth. He sends springs into the valleys. They run among the mountains. They give drink to every animal of the field. The wild donkeys quench their thirst. The birds of the sky nest by them. They sing among the branches. He waters the mountains from his rooms. The earth is filled with the fruit of your works. He causes the grass to grow for the livestock, and plants for man to cultivate, that he may produce food out of the earth: wine that makes the heart of man glad, oil to make his face to shine, and bread that strengthens man's heart. Yahweh's trees are well watered, the cedars of Lebanon, which he has planted, where the birds make their nests. The stork makes its home in the cypress trees. The high mountains are for the wild goats. The rocks are a refuge for the rock badgers. He appointed the moon for seasons. The sun knows when to set. You make darkness, and it is night, in which all the animals of the forest prowl. The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their food from God. The sun rises, and they steal away, and lie down in their dens. Man goes out to his work, to his labor until the evening. Yahweh, how many are your works! In wisdom, you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches. There is the sea, great and wide, in which are innumerable living things, both small and large animals. There the ships go, and leviathan, whom you formed to play there. These all wait for you, that you may give them their food in due season. You give to them; they gather. You open your hand; they are satisfied with good. You hide your face; they are troubled. You take away their breath; they die and return to the dust. You send out your Spirit and they are created. You renew the face of the ground. Let Yahweh's glory endure forever. Let Yahweh rejoice in his works. He looks at the earth, and it trembles. He touches the mountains, and they smoke. I will sing to Yahweh as long as I live. I will sing praise to my God while I have any being. Let my meditation be sweet to him. I will rejoice in Yahweh. Let sinners be consumed out of the earth. Let the wicked be no more. Bless Yahweh, my soul. Praise Yah!

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Proverbs 12:10

A righteous man respects
the life of his animal,
but the tender mercies of
the wicked are cruel.

Hosēa 2:18

In that day I will make a covenant for them with the animals of the field,

and with the birds of the sky,
and with the creeping things of the ground.

I will break the bow, the sword, and the battle out of the land,

and will make them lie down safely.

Matthew 6:26

See the birds of the sky,
that they don't sow, neither
do they reap, nor gather
into barns. Your heavenly
Father feeds them. Aren't
you of much more value
than they?

Matthew 6:28-29

Why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They don't toil, neither do they spin, yet I tell you that even Solomon in all his glory was not dressed like one of these.

Matthew 10:29

“Aren’t two sparrows sold for a [copper] coin? Not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father’s will.”

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him. Without him, nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness hasn't overcome it.

Romans 8:19-22

For the creation waits with eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to vanity, not of its own will, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of decay into the liberty of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and travails in pain together until now.

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1 Corinthians 29:11

Yours, Yahweh, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty! For all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, Yahweh, and you are exalted as head above all.

Colossians 1:16-17

For by him all things were created in the heavens and on the earth, visible things and invisible things, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things are held together.

Revelation 11:18

The nations were angry, and your wrath came, as did the time for the dead to be judged, and to give your bondservants the prophets, their reward, as well as to the saints and those who fear your name, to the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth.

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