

Week 6: Our Responsibility for Creation (Part 2)

Preserving and adding value to creation

For Your Devotions

Monday: Read Psalm 72

- How are authority and dominion pictured in the “righteous king”?
- Someone with authority and dominion inherently has a responsibility to care for that which is under their authority. Where do you see examples of this within your daily life?

Tuesday: Genesis 1:26–30

- In light of yesterday’s reading and discussion about dominion and authority, what are the implications in this passage for man’s relationship with all of creation?
- Take a moment to examine your life. In what direct ways do you have dominion and authority over creation? How can you use that dominion and authority in a righteous way?

Wednesday: Read Genesis 2:5, 15.

- Why were there no plants or bushes in the field?
- What does this imply about the role of humans in creation?
- Does this still hold true today?

Thursday: Read Proverbs 12:10

- What do you think it means to have “regard” for the life of an animal?
- Does this verse mean that killing (eating) an animal is wrong?
- What are the implications for how you use animals in your life today (eating, medicines that have been tested on animals, etc)?

Friday: Read Hosea 4:1–3

- This passage depicts a two-fold relationship: One between man and God, and one between man and the land/animals. It implies that the sin of man affects the land. Is this the poetic license of a prophet or is this true?
- Give some examples from your life or that you have seen where “swearing, lying, murder, stealing, and committing adultery” have affected creation.

Saturday: Genesis 6:8–Chapter 8

- Why does God want to save two of every kind?
- Clearly God is powerful enough to have saved two of every kind of animal himself (or started over for that matter). What are the implications that God tasked a man (Noah) with doing this?

