

Embrace
Holy
Living

RE- FLECTING GOD

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Genesis 1:27-31

God blessed His human creatures with remarkable privileges. He created us as male and female in His image and likeness for companionship, pleasure, and procreation (1:27; 2:20b-25).

But the Creator also assigned us a royal responsibility?to care for the earth He created. "Dominion" (1:26, 28, KJV) is not permission to pillage the earth for selfish ends. Our royal responsibility as kingly representatives of our Creator is to "subdue" and "rule over" the earth. We are to domesticate, not destroy, His creation.

Because we are to "be fruitful and increase in number," we cannot ignore our responsibility to future generations. We are stewards, not owners, of God's gifts.

As Christians, we exercise environmental stewardship without falling into idolatrous excess. We do not worship and serve "created things rather than the Creator." Creation inspires us to glorify God and give Him thanks. For in it, we come to recognize His "invisible qualities?his eternal power and divine nature" (Romans 1:20-25).

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