

Enjoy Summer Vacation w. Psalms



A scenic landscape featuring a calm lake in the foreground, a lush green forested hill in the middle ground, and a small white building nestled among the trees. The sky is a clear, vibrant blue. The entire scene is framed by a dark blue border.

A Journey with Psalms Continues...

July 3, Show Favor to Your Land, O Lord - Psalm 85

July 10, How Majestic is Your Creation - Psalm 104

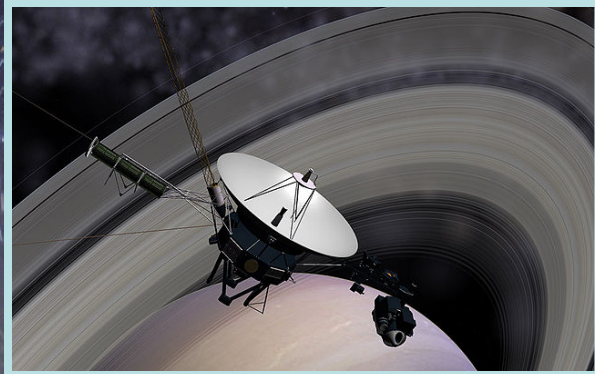
July 17, A Daily Journey with His Word - Psalm 119

Restore My Soul

In Green Pastures, Beside Quiet Waters

Creation Psalms

THE BOOK OF
PSALMS



**GOD HAS SET UP HIS
KINGDOM IN HEAVEN, AND HE
RULES THE WHOLE CREATION.**

PSALMS 103:19

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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? -Psalm 8: 3,4

Creation Psalms

"By the word of the LORD
were the heavens made,
their starry host
by the breath of his mouth"

Psalm 33:6

"... The heavens declare the glory of God ..."

Psalm 19:1

"...praise the Name of
the Lord, for His Name
alone is exalted; His
glory is above the earth
and heaven."

Psalm 148:13

Sing to the Lord with grateful praise;
make music to our God on the harp.

He covers the sky with clouds;
he supplies the earth with rain
and makes grass grow on the hills.

...the Lord delights in those who fear him,
who put their hope in his unfailing love.

~ Psalm 147:7-8, 11

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Praise God Psalm 104 **As Creator and Provider**

Praise the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, you are
very great;
you are clothed with
splendor and majesty.

Psalm 104:1

The Lord wraps
himself in light
as with a garment;
he stretches
out the heavens
like a tent
Psalms 104:2

*"He makes the clouds His chariot
and rides on the wings of the
wind. ..."*
Psalm 104:3

"An eloquent poetic elaboration on the cosmic reign of God"

God's Creating Work and His Saving Work

Psalm 104

inseparable

*"You covered it with the deep as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains."*

Psalm 104:6



*They give drink to every beast of
the field; The wild donkeys quench
their thirst. (Psalm 104:11)*

God saw all
that **He** had
made, and
it was
very good

Genesis 1:31

"An Exuberant Poetic Evaluation of Creation"

All creatures depend on God for sustenance,

Psalm 104

providential

Thou hidest thy
face, they are
troubled: thou
takest away their
breath, they die,
and return to their
dust.

- Psalms 104:29

When You breathe,

Your Spirit
creates & renews

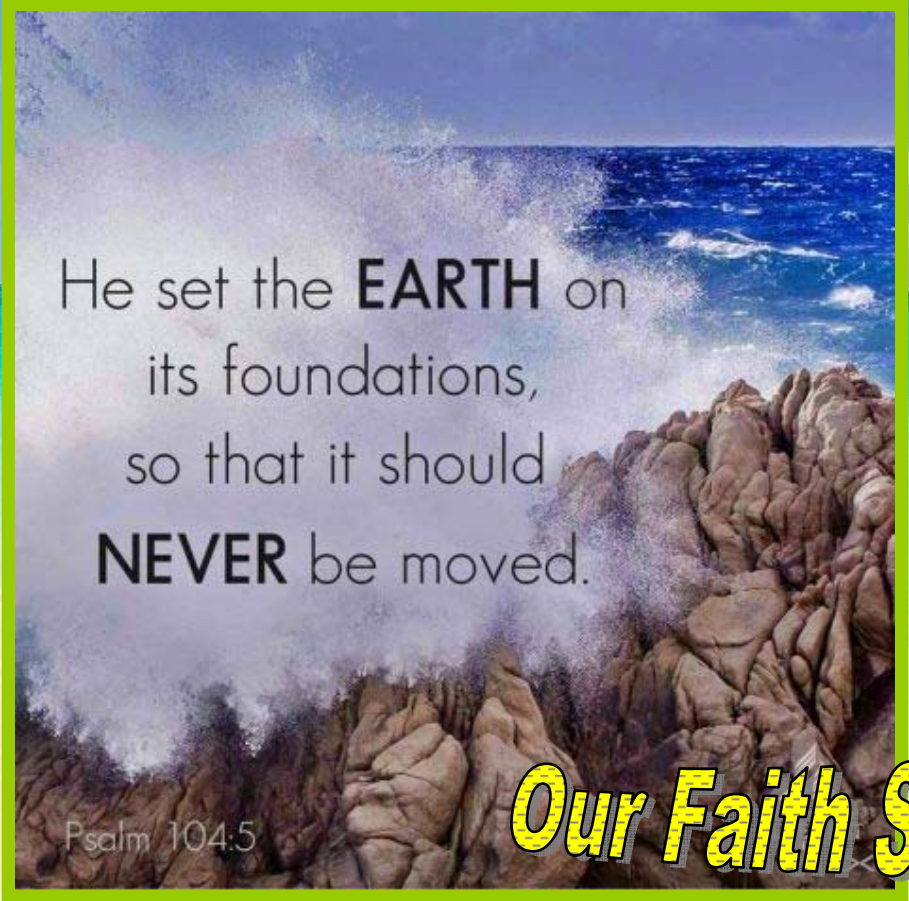
the face of the earth.

"God's Creation as an Ongoing Process"

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He set the **EARTH** on
its foundations,
so that it should
NEVER be moved.

Psalms 104:5

Our Faith Statement on God!

1. It is God who creates the heavens and earth.

Isaiah 40:28

*Have you not known?
Have you not heard?
The everlasting God, the Lord,
The **Creator** of the ends of the earth,
Neither faints nor is weary.
His understanding
is unsearchable.*



The God we believe is ...

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Marduk vs. Tiamat



NEITHER a Babylonian God

Who created by "the Series of Acts of Violence"

"Ancient Babylonian Creation Myth"

- Enuma Elish, Epic Poem

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MORE  THAN **150** AMERICANS SHOT DAILY



68%
of school shooters acquired the guns from their own home, or that of a relative.

1.7  **MILLION**
children live with unlocked, loaded guns

NOR a violent spirit that creates "a Series of Acts of Violence"

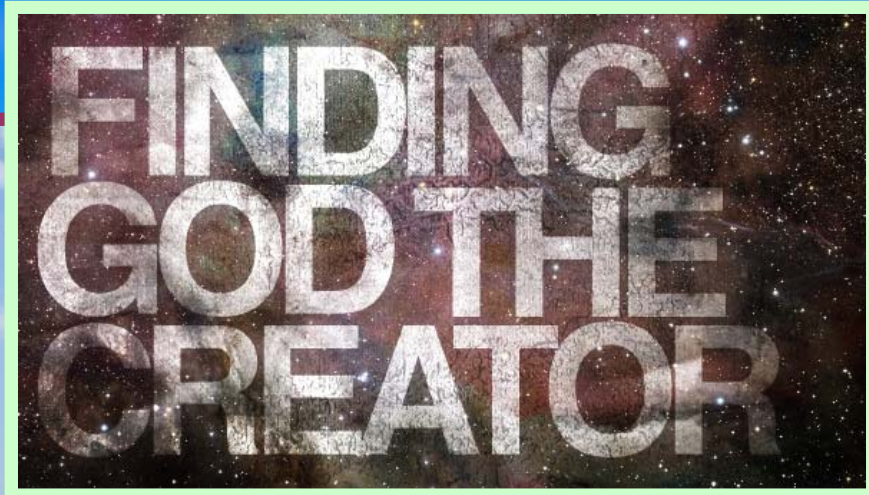
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***But God of Love,
who leads us to "quiet waters."***

He leads me beside quiet waters,
He restores my soul —
Psalm 23:2,3



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This Summer



2. *Everything and everyone in His creation
depend on the Creator.*



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depend on the Creator.



He made the moon to mark the seasons;
the sun knows its time for setting.

Psalm 104:19

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APART
FROM ME,
YOU CAN
DO
NOTHING.

JOHN 15:5

***We live in God's world (creation),
everything we do has an effect on God's world and thus on God.***

**"I am the vine;
you are the
branches."
*says Jesus.***

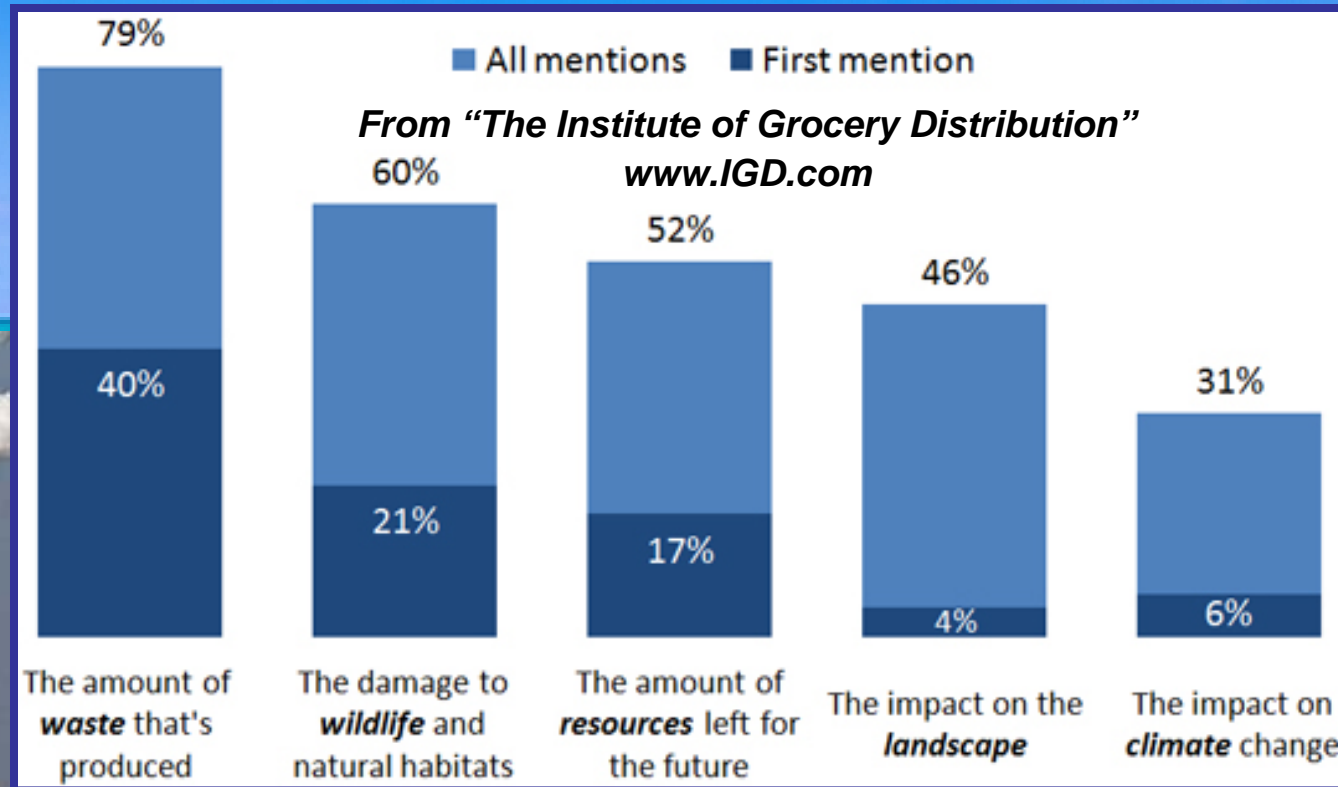
John 15:5,8



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Environmental crisis will be addressed by

HONORING God the Creator

HUMBLING Ourselves.

Theology of Ecology



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To serve God...



ultimately means to serve God's Creation.

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a part of the itinerary!!!

Undrinkable

The Flint Water Emergency

This summer we are planing to stop by "Flint, MI."

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Ecology and Theology Certificate

Faith leaders have an increasingly important role helping churches and the public face contemporary ecological challenges. The Washington Theological Consortium has launched its Certificate of Study in Ecology and Theology to prepare current and future ministers and theologians with the tools they require to face these challenges from a faith perspective.

Areas of Study

(3 credits each from the following areas)

- Religious Heritage in Ecological Perspective
- Ecology of Religion in Socio-Cultural Contexts
- Ministerial and Public Leadership for Ecological Integrity
- Elective in Ecological Studies



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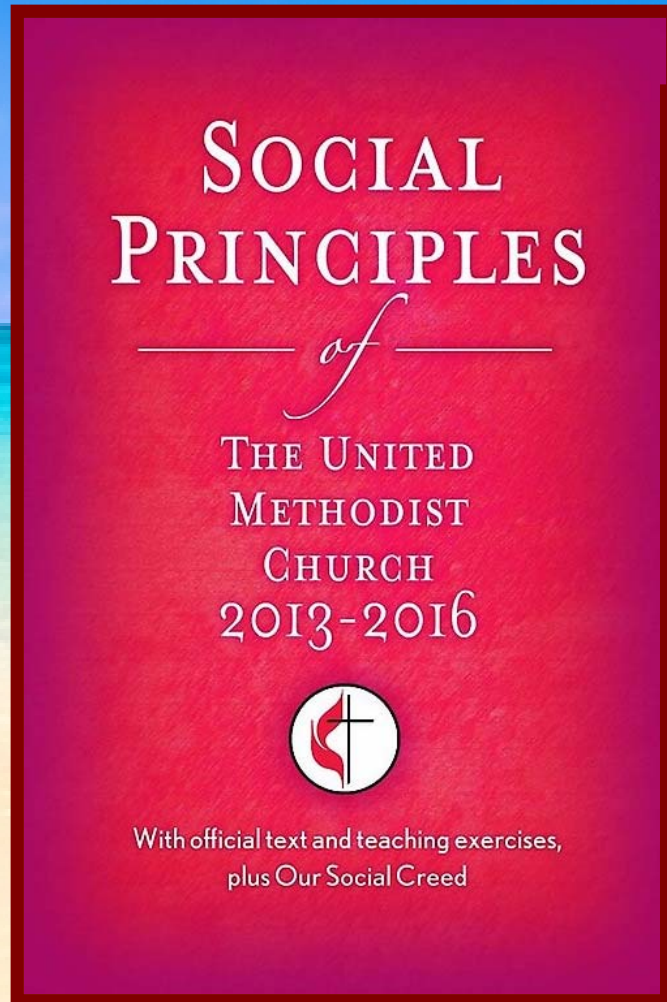
Crossroads of Faith, Learning and Dialogue

interest in ecological concerns arises among the leaders

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Our proud position:



Para 160.1 The Natural World

“All creation is the Lord’s, and we are responsible for the ways in which we use and abuse it.

Water, air, soil, minerals, energy resources, plants, animal life, and space are to be valued and conserved because they are God’s creation and not solely because they are useful to human beings.

God has granted us stewardship of creation.”

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I will sing to the LORD
as long as I live; I will
sing praise to my GOD
while I have being. May
my meditation be
pleasing to HIM, for I
rejoice in the LORD.
(Psalm 104:33, 34 ESV)

The Church lives by the power of God's renewing Spirit.
The church exists to praise the Lord.

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Appreciate
God's
CREATION

**HAVE A NICE
SUMMER
VACATION!**