



"THE DISCIPLE IS NOT ABOVE HIS MASTER: BUT EVERYONE THAT IS PERFECT SHALL BE AS HIS MASTER."

Luke 6:40

Taking Care of Planet Earth

There is an understanding that the choices we make have an impact on the environment around us. We are responsible for the world we live in. This responsibility has a biblical dimension because, in Genesis 1:26, God gave Adam "dominion" over all living things on earth. Adam was given special training for the job. In Genesis 1:29 God explained how plant life grew and developed thus making Adam a qualified horticulturist. In Genesis 1:30 God made Adam aware of all the delicate balances in nature, making him an environmentalist. Adam's training was widened to include zoology when, in Genesis 2:20 God gave him the task of naming all the animals.

However, the big question is, "Did Adam and his successors (us) continue as good stewards of God's creation?" Well, let's look at the results. Today, some oceans are over-fished; many watercourses are contaminated with waste and rubbish; certain animals have been hunted to extinction; vast areas of rainforest have been hacked down and various types of open

cast mining have left landscapes scarred and blighted. In short, mankind has failed. Man's failure to act responsibly as a steward over all things can be traced back to Adam and Eve's sin against God. The root of the problem is found in the heart of man. Man is driven by the sinful desires of his heart. As a result, most of the damage seen in today's environment is due to the greed and wastefulness of sinful men.

How do we begin to address all these difficulties? How do we once again become good stewards and take care of the wonderful gift of God's creation? God's Word has the answer. If our hearts are right then we will seek to do what is right. How does such a change come about? We must confess our wrongdoing before God and trust the Saviour for salvation. The new birth means that we are made new creatures in Christ. Only then will we be true co-workers with God, not just in creation and in looking after the environment around us, but in every part of our lives and especially in the winning of others onto Him?



QUIZ

BELOW IS A QUOTATION FROM PSALM 115.

To find out which verse it is, you need to remove all the colours and shapes to reveal the verse.

Then check down through Psalm 115 to find out which of the verses it actually is.

That verse number will be the answer to the quiz.



The round blue heaven, triangle even the brown golden heavens, are square the LORD'S: black orange but the earth green star hath red He given hexagon to white oval purple the children oblong of men cube.

PRIZES!

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