

## HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL

### Glimpses of God – Part 8

#### Creation Care

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on Glimpses of God. Our topic today: Creation Care

New Scripture Song: “O God you are my God” Psalm 63:1-4

Prayer

- 1) Various attitudes towards caring for creation
  - a) This world is falling apart and will ultimately be destroyed by fire so why spend a lot of time and money caring for it. (2 Peter 3:10)
  - b) This world is a resource to be exploited. (Gen 1:26)
  - c) This world belongs to God and we have a responsibility to care for it. (Psalm 24:1)
- 2) The ultimate fate of planet earth
  - a) 2 Peter 3:10-14
  - b) Isaiah 51:6
  - c) Isaiah 65:17
  - d) Revelation 21:1
  - e) How should our understanding of future events on planet earth affect the way we care for our environment today?
- 3) God’s original plan
  - a) Genesis 1:1
  - b) Genesis 1:26-31

- c) Genesis 2:15
  - d) What insights in these passages of Scripture about creation suggest that we are to care for planet earth rather than exploit it?
- 4) The Sabbath and Creation Care
    - a) Exodus 20:8-11
    - b) Nehemiah 13:16-19
    - c) How does the weekly Sabbath remind us to care for our environment?
  - 5) The teaching of Jesus about Creation Care
    - a) Matthew 22:35-40
    - b) Matthew 6:25-32 (Jonah 4:11)
    - c) John 1:1-3, 14
    - d) Colossians 1:15-17
    - e) Examples of creation care in the ministry of Jesus
      - i) Mark 1:29-34
      - ii) Mark 10:13-16
      - iii) John 6:5-12
  - 6) Discussion questions
    - a) What are some practical ways that we can show care for our environment without devoting our entire lives to creation care?
      - i) Making wise decisions about what we buy
      - ii) Recycling
      - iii) Other ideas?
    - b) Some people worship “Mother Earth” or worship creatures. How can we help people to avoid that idolatry and worship the Creator rather than His creation?
    - c) What examples of creation care have inspired you?