# Caring for God's Creation



The world we live in is a beautiful place. It is also a fragile place because its resources can be depleted (used up) or destroyed. If human beings do not care for the environment in which they live, the earth will not be able to sustain itself for future generation.

Pollution is a major problem all over the world. It makes people, other animals, and plants sick or even kills them. Pollution is described as the contamination of something by a chemical or other agent that harms the environment. Pollution is also when something is added to the environment that makes it unclean or unsafe. The three types of pollution are air, water, and land pollution.

Water pollution is the contamination of bodies of water, caused by human activities. This can be harmful to organisms and plants which live in the water as well as organisms who use the water to drink or cook.

Land pollution is the destruction of the earth's land surfaces. It is often caused by human activities such as careless disposal of wastes, which can affect our health in the long run.

Air pollution is also the result of human activity where chemicals and other dangerous materials are released into the air. This happens through the release of carbon monoxide gas from exhaust pipes of motor vehicles. Other gases such as sulphur oxides are released from the burning of coal and oil.

## What does the bible say about taking care of the planet?

God has placed the care of planet earth in man's hand. When he created the world He told Adam to cultivate it and guard it (Genesis 2:15). Mankind is responsible for keeping the earth under control (Genesis 1:28). The earth should have seasons of farming and then rest (Leviticus 25:4). The Bible also states that God cares for the earth (Psalm 65:9-13).

Human beings are responsible for the preservation of our natural resources.
We can preserve our resources by:

- Recycling bottles, cans, paper etc.
- Putting garbage in bins
- Keeping the ocean clean
- Conserving energy
- Protecting the trees and wetlands

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