God Creates

The Bible begins with an origin story: God's creation of our world and of us, his image bearers. It's a story that introduces us to our loving Creator God and the theme of creation that echoes throughout the Bible. Join us as we study the creation theme and discuss what it reveals to us about God's character, love, and intentions. We'll marvel at God's acts of creation, ponder creation as God's temple, and consider our call to reflect God's creativity with our own as bearers of his image.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- How do you think God's creation reflects who he is?
- What does the designation, image bearer of God, mean to you?



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READ Genesis 1, Revelation 21:22-24, Psalm 139:13-14, Hebrews 1:1-3, Colossians 1:15-17

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- How does the concept of *creatio continua* (ongoing creation) impact your understanding of what God is doing in the world today?
- Consider how the image of God in humanity gives us dignity and responsibility. How does this reality influence how you live, work, and interact with others?
- In what ways do you see God's ongoing creation in your everyday surroundings? How does this provide comfort and peace in moments of uncertainty?
- What does it mean to reflect God's creativity in your own life? What would it look like to actively cultivate creativity in your daily activities?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

Psalm 104:24-30, John 1:1-5, Romans 8:18-23

CONCLUSION

In this episode, hosts Darrell Delaney and Scott Hoezee reflected on the theme of God's creation and how it reveals his nature, power, and ongoing involvement in the world. From the first chapter of Genesis to the new heavens and earth in Revelation, God's creative acts are ongoing, and they invite us to participate as cocreators and stewards. By recognizing that we are made in God's image, we are called to reflect his creativity, order, and love in the world around us. In prayer, ask God for opportunities to embrace this calling, to marvel at his continuous work, and to look forward to the final consummation of all things in Christ.

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