God Makes All Things New

The fourth major theme of the Bible is that of consummation, the time when God will complete his redemptive plan and make all creation new. Join us as we study biblical passages that describe a future where God's presence eradicates suffering and evil, and brings justice and eternal joy. We'll talk about what the hope of consummation means for us as we live in anticipation of the ultimate restoration of creation while persevering in God's work of love and justice now.

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

- When you imagine God's promised restoration of all creation, what images or hopes come to mind?
- How does the biblical promise of consummation shape the way you respond to the suffering or injustice you experience or encounter?



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READ Revelation 21:1-5, Matthew 19:28, Romans 8:18-21, Ephesians 2:19-22

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- In segment 1, host Scott Hoezee defines *palingenesia* as "Genesis again." How does this perspective of the consummation as Genesis or creating again broaden your perspective on God's kingdom?
- In what ways does the promise that the devil is defeated and his days are numbered provide you comfort amid the sins and injustices of today?
- In segment 2, Scott states, "The vision of the consummation becomes our marching orders for today as believers." How can you model your life on this vision?
- In segment 3, host Darrell Delaney remarks, "I want to shift our focus from new to now." While you wait for the "new" of God's coming kingdom, what is God calling you to do today?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

Isaiah 43:18-19, Isaiah 65:17, 2 Corinthians 5:17

CONCLUSION

The biblical promise of consummation is not just a vision for the distant future; it is a living hope that reshapes how we see and live in the present. As we anticipate the day when God makes all things new, we are called to live as citizens of that coming kingdom now. This means embodying justice, mercy, and love in a world that still groans for renewal. The assurance that suffering will end, evil will not have the last word, and God's presence will dwell fully with us gives us both comfort and courage. In which areas or situations of your life does this promise give you more profound hope, greater faithfulness, and a renewed commitment to join God's redemptive work here and now as we await the new creation to come? Close your time of study in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to help you live with hopeful expectation, eternal perspective, and active participation.

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