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I Believe in God, the Creator

The second belief Christians declare in the Apostles' Creed is that God is the creator of heaven and earth. But what does this statement tell us about the events of creation or about God's involvement in our world today? Examine the scriptures that inform the Christian belief in God as Creator and discover why we can believe in God's providence, why we can trust God when bad things happen, and why we can find comfort in this belief.

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

- What is a "creator"?
- What aspect of creation stirs awe and amazement in you?



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READ Psalm 19:1-6, Job 38:34-41, Psalm 104:27-30

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- Where have you witnessed God's continued work of creation lately?
- How does remembering God's providence in the past give you assurance and hope when you live in times of uncertainty?
- What aspect of creation are you grateful for today? How will you praise God for it?
- In segment 3, hosts Dave Bast and Scott Hoezee discuss why the doctrine of creation can comfort believers, noting: "God is truly with us...the Creator entered creation himself as a creature to be with us and to care for us." Why is it comforting to know God is present with us? Can you identify a time in your life when this truth, that the God who created you is still with you, reassured you and gave you peace?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

John 1:1-3, Colossians 1:15-16, Psalm 19:1-6, Matthew 5:44-45, Romans 8:28-39

CONCLUSION

Read <u>Romans 8:35-39</u>. What would you add to Paul's list in verses 38-39?

Spend some time identifying the things in life that cause you worry, anxiety, or fear. Bring this list to the Lord in prayer. Ask that he make his comforting presence known to you, that his peace would be greater than the fears and anxieties in your life. After you pray, reread <u>Romans 8:37-39</u> and add the concerns you prayed over to Paul's list of things that cannot separate from God's love for us in Jesus Christ.

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