

Should The Church Be Concerned?

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I usually marvel at what God did after the whole creation and after He said it was good. He entrusted the whole creation to man and He said "Be fruitful, and multiply and fill the earth, and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth", (this include micro organisms that we do not see and plants). The church is supposed to champion environmental and creation care as it can be able to appreciate the goodness of the Lord much better than those outside the church. The creation declares his glory and gives us an endless list to say God thank you.

Does the creation declares the glory of God?

Through the creation and the environment around us, we see the glory of God; God speaks to us through the wonders of the universe. Psalm 19:1-4: "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world." Psalm 96:1, 11-12: "Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth . . . Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them. Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy."

The Psalmist had the spirit of revelation in the knowledge of God and understood how the universe declares His glory and had a lot to express in his praise and thankfulness to the Lord. Unfortunately today we even run out of issues to thank God for because we do not appreciate the environment and creation.

Paul wrote to the Romans, and made reference to the fact that the creation has made clear the wonders of God to man. Rom. 1: 20-23: "For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles." And in Rev. 4:11 it records "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."

Just by the verses quoted above, what are your thoughts on the question "should the church be concerned about the environment and Natural resources"?