

**THE BIBLICAL BASIS FOR  
OUR RESPONSIBILITY  
TO BE GOOD STEWARDS  
OF GOD'S CREATION**

**Part 2:  
Environmental Care  
and the 10 Commandments**

# QUESTION

In the Ten Commandments we have commonly agreed building blocks for right human behaviour. It seems that no mention is made of caring for the environment, so does this mean it is not important ?

## MATT 22:37-40

Jesus replied: “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

*Believe*

# THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

... an Executive Summary  
for the *whole* Law of Moses

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*The fourth Commandment:*

Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your ox, your donkey or any of your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns, so that your male and female servants may rest, as you do.

(Deut 5:13-14)

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## **Rest:**

for workers, for animals and for land:  
sustainable agriculture

**THE LAND BELONGS TO GOD**  
**it is given to humanity 'on loan'**

The earth is the LORD'S, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it (Psalm 42:1)





## DISCUSSION:

Q1. Psalm 24 tells us “The Earth is the Lord’s”. How should this frame our attitudes and actions ?

Q2. How do you feel about the idea that caring for God’s Creation *is* “Loving the Lord your God”

Q3. Can you think of how the vulnerable may have been impacted by neglect of the environment where you live ?

## DISCUSSION:

Q4. What project might you, or your group, or your church be able to implement that would demonstrate love for your neighbour *and* care for God's creation?

Q5. What might be your next steps in putting this into action?

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