

HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL

Origins - Part 10

Stewardship and the Environment

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies entitled Origins. Our topic today: Stewardship and the Environment

New Scripture Song: "Behold, Bless the LORD" Psalm 134

Prayer

- 1) Dominion over the earth
 - a) Genesis 1:26
 - b) What does it mean to have dominion over the earth?
 - c) Genesis 2:19
 - d) Genesis 2:15
 - e) Psalm 8
 - f) What do these passages of Scripture teach us about our responsibilities as caretakers of creation?
 - g) What examples do you see around you exploitation rather than care for our planet?
- 2) Caring for other creatures
 - a) Psalm 50:10
 - b) Proverbs 12:10
 - c) Jonah 4:11
 - d) Luke 12:24
 - e) Share an experience where caring for other creatures has taught you an important lesson about God's love for all of His creatures.
- 3) The Sabbath and the Environment
 - a) Exodus 20:8-11
 - b) What important lessons can we learn about caring for our environment from the Sabbath commandment?
 - c) How has your own attitude toward the Sabbath changed as you have grown in your relationship with your Creator?
- 4) Caring for our own bodies
 - a) What was the Eden diet? Genesis 1:29
 - b) Some ask, "Is it a sin to eat meat or fish?" What is the answer? No. Jesus ate meat and fish.
 - c) What did our first parents drink in the Garden of Eden? Genesis 2:10 – pure spring water
 - d) What was their exercise program? Genesis 2:15
 - e) 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
 - f) What changes might you make in the way you care for your body in the light of this teaching of Scripture?
- 5) Making the most of our God-given gifts
 - a) Matthew 25:14-20
 - b) What are some gifts that God has given to you?
 - c) How are you using those gifts as a faithful servant?
- 6) Discussion questions
 - a) Who has inspired you as a person who models a healthy attitude toward the environment?
 - b) What are some ways you can make a difference?