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La Jolla Christian Fellowship
Genesis: Behind the Curtain: Ep. 2 Creation
Genesis 2:4-9
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4 This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they
were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the
heavens. 5 Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and
no plant had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain
on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, 6 but
streams came up from the earth and watered the whole
surface of the ground. 7 Then the LORD God formed a man from
the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath
of life, and the man became a living being. **(FROM
SOMETHING)** 8 Now the LORD God had planted a garden in
the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. 9
The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the
ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food.
In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of
the knowledge of good and evil.

Creation is a megaphone to the nature and existence of God.

ROMANS 1:20
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 people are without excuse.

Creation is **ALIVE** and is an **active participant** in the history of humankind. *4 VERSES

RESTATE: God creates a pragmatic and existential bond between mankind and the rest of creation.

BUT: THEY ARE NOT THE SAME (SEPARATES)

GEN 1:27 In His Image

Creation Is A Reflection Of His Image. Mankind is his image.

Vs. 7 Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Creation is animated with a word, but mankind is brought to life with a **BREATH** and in God's image.

God's charges mankind with Creation Care

Gen 1:28 God **blessed** them and said to them, "**Be fruitful** and **increase** in number; **fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over** the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Colossians 1:15-16 Christ "is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him."

ISA 55:12 You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

Luke 19:40 "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

Leviticus 18:28 "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

Romans 8:19 For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.