



Part 3: *LIVING ETERNALLY... NOW* *EMBRACING OUR PRESENT TASK*

INTRODUCTION – Fifth Act Hermeneutic

Act 1: CREATION; Act 2: FALL; Act 3: ISRAEL; Act 4: JESUS; Act 5: BEYOND

Act 5: Scene 1: THE EARLY CHURCH ←?→ Act 5: Last Scene: THE RENEWED WORLD

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You Are Here

Genesis 1:26-28; 2:15; Colossians 1:19-20

Remembering Where We Came From

We humans are Spirit enlivened dirt, God animated dust.
 ~ Steven Bouma-Prediger

Genesis 2:7; 3:19

Shalom In The Home (& Everywhere Else!)

2 Corinthians 5:17-19

Shalom: Well being; wholeness and delight. The way things ought to be; anticipated to become a universal flourishing.

Isaiah 55:12-13

We are called to be _____ of shalom.

So What? – Embracing “Irreligious” Environmentalism

John 7:38

- Our goal should be “precision without _____”.
 - Start _____ instead of not starting at all.
- 1 Corinthians 15:58; Luke 13:18-19

David Suzuki’s Nature Challenge

1. Reduce home energy use by 10%
2. Choose an energy-efficient home & appliances
3. Don’t use pesticides
4. Eat meat-free meals one day a week
5. Buy locally grown and produced food
6. Choose a fuel-efficient vehicle
7. Walk, bike, carpool or take transit
8. Choose a home close to work or school
9. Support alternative transportation
10. Learn more and share with others

For Further Study...

Living the Good Life on God’s Green Earth, Edited by David S. Koetje (A great book)
www.climatecrisis.org (A Movie Worth Seeing)
www.practicingresurrection.com (Sustainable Living Conference)
www.davidsuzuki.org (Good Information)
www.thematrix.com (Just for Fun)

CONCLUSION – Creation Care As Worship

Isaiah 55:12-13

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

WARMING UP...

1. Thinking back over these last three weeks, what aspect of this series has been most informative, challenging, or encouraging for you?

LOOK TO THE BOOK...

2. Read **Genesis 3:17-19**. Does anything strike you about this passage? What are some of the ways that we see the effects of “the curse” upon the earth today? Read **Isaiah 55:12-13**. How does this text about future restoration and renewal contrast to the Genesis passage? What does this the Isaiah text tell us about worship and creation? In what ways can we view our efforts to protect, sustain and restore the environment as worship?

SO WHAT?...

3. Read over the 10 points of *David Suzuki’s Nature Challenge*. For each point discuss and debate the feasibility of the practice. What are the barriers to employing these practices? Can you draw some connections as to how these challenges (or other environmentally friendly practices) compliment the teachings of Jesus? Consider areas such as simplicity, radical generosity and practicing other-centredness.
4. Has your Home Church had (or at least planned) your nature-connecting experience?

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