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**Date:** February 25, 2024

**Message:** All Creation Sings

**Series:** Good Creation

**Scripture:** Genesis 1:3-25

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The essence of creation:

The focus of creation:

The declarations of creation:

## Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Genesis 1:3-25

1. There has long been debate and disagreement among sincere Christians regarding some of the details found in the Genesis 1 creation account. Given that, what are specific aspects of Genesis 1 that, in your opinion, represent non-negotiable convictions or beliefs about which *all* Christians should agree? And how do you feel that Christians should approach differences in opinion about these matters?
2. Do you think our culture, by and large, is more interested in finding out the particular *method(s)* God used to create the universe (the how) or in the *meaning* behind the creation (the why)? Which do you personally feel should be more important? Which do you feel the original author(s) of Genesis 1 were more interested in exploring?
3. What do you observe about the outline of vv. 3-25 (how the writer(s) specifically described each day of creation)? What patterns do you notice? What do these patterns teach us about God's beauty, unity, and order?
4. In what ways do these verses in Genesis stand in stark contrast to atheism? To polytheism? To pantheism? To humanism?
5. What do Psalm 19:1-6 and Romans 1:18-20 reveal to us about the role creation plays in pointing us back to the Creator?
6. What are some specific ways that God uses nature to speak to you or to reveal Himself to you?
7. What are some different ways that we can either exploit nature or worship created things rather than the Creator? What is dangerous about either of these things?
8. What does it mean that God looked at His creation and "saw that it was good"? In what ways is creation "good"?