



## For God so loved the world.....

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

John 3:16 is one of the most well-known verses in the bible. But did you know that the word for world comes from the Greek 'cosmos'.

God doesn't just love humankind, he loves all of creation (although humans have a most special place within it). The environment is a much talked about subject in our society today and there are many voices telling us what to believe and do. But what does the bible say? This study will look at God's plan for the world, his intention for humankind and how Christ has come to bring redemption for it all.

The Bible Project has a great 7 minute film which explains how Genesis 1 communicates what the whole Bible is about which you might like to watch as an introduction – scan the QR code or copy the link:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=afVN-7vYOKA&pp=ygUXYmliGUGcHJvamVjdCBnZW5lc2lzlDE%3D>

### ***God's wonderful creation shows us a wonderful God!***

Genesis 1:1-25 It was good

Psalms 8:1 How majestic is your name!

Psalms 19:1-6 The heavens declare the glory of God

Psalms 24:1-2 The earth is the Lord's

Psalms 96 Sing to the Lord all the earth!

Psalms 104 In wisdom you made them all

Psalms 148 All creation praises God

Romans 1:20 God makes himself clear

Colossians 1:16-17 By him all things were created

Revelation 4:11 God created all things

## ***God's original plan***

Genesis 1:26-31 Made in God's image to rule

Genesis 2:15 Take care of it

Psalms 8 You have put all things under his feet

Deuteronomy 22:6-7 Use God's resources wisely

Leviticus 25:1-5 Let the land rest

Leviticus 26:3-5 Follow my ways

Proverbs 14:31 Care for the poor

James 2:14-17 Faith and works

## ***A broken world***

Genesis 3 The earth suffers the impacts of sin

Isaiah 24:1-6 The earth is defiled by its people

Jeremiah 5: 20-29 Your sins have deprived you of good

Ezekiel 34:17-21 Fat and lean sheep

Luke 12:15-21 Greed

Romans 1:18-23 Their thinking became futile

Romans 8:19-23 The earth groans

James 5:1-6 The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord

## ***God's plan through Christ***

Isaiah 11:6-9 The earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord

Isaiah 65: 17-25 Blessed by the Lord

Ezekiel 34: 22-31 I will place over them one shepherd

Matthew 20:25-28 Called to serve like Christ

Philippians 2:1-11 Look to the interests of others

Colossians 1:15-20 Reconciling all things

1 Timothy 6:17-19 Be generous and willing to share

1 John 3:17-18 Love in action

Revelation 21:1-5 Making all things new

Revelation 22:1-5 No more curse