

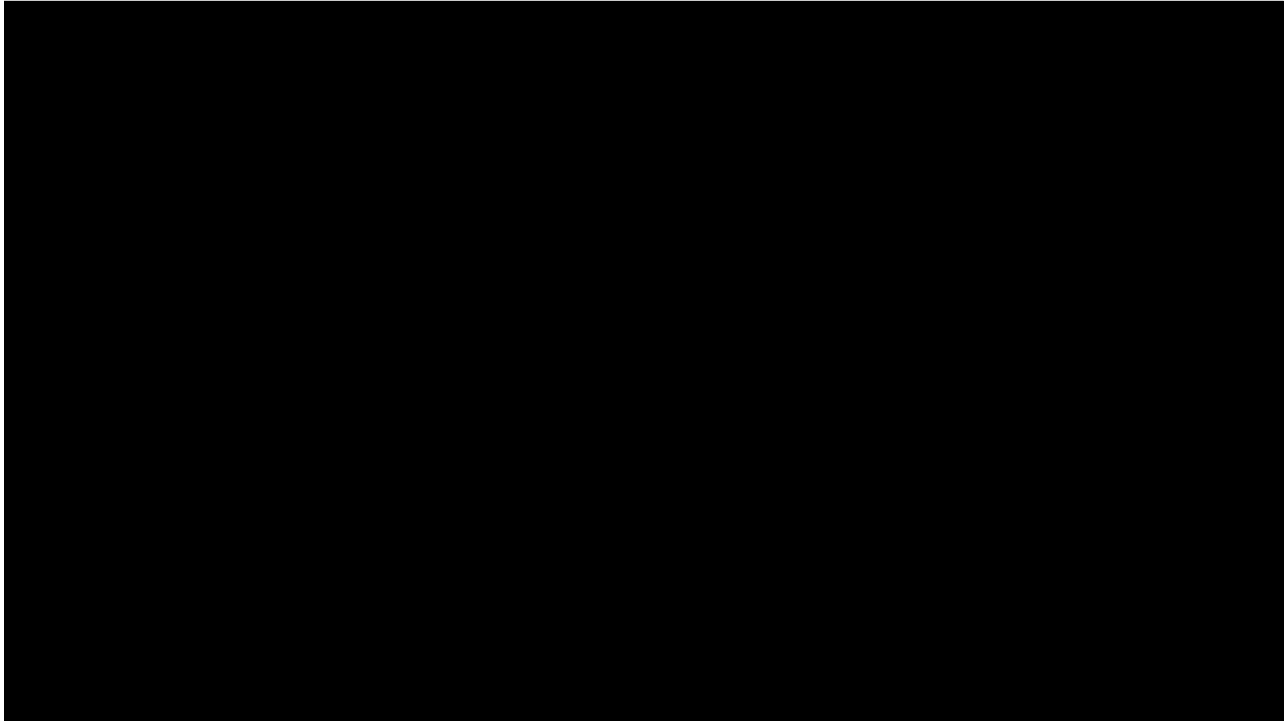


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Then God said, “Let the waters swarm with fish and other life. **Let the skies be filled with birds of every kind.**” So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that scurries and swarms in the water, **and every sort of bird**—each producing offspring of the same kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply. Let the fish fill the seas, **and let the birds multiply on the earth.**” And evening passed and morning came, marking the fifth day.

Genesis 1 : 20 - 23
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Why did God create birds?

- Birds provide food for humans and animals
- Bird droppings (guano) is an important source of nitrogen
- Birds are seed and fungus spreaders
- Birds are voracious exterminators
- Birds are sanitation workers
- And ...

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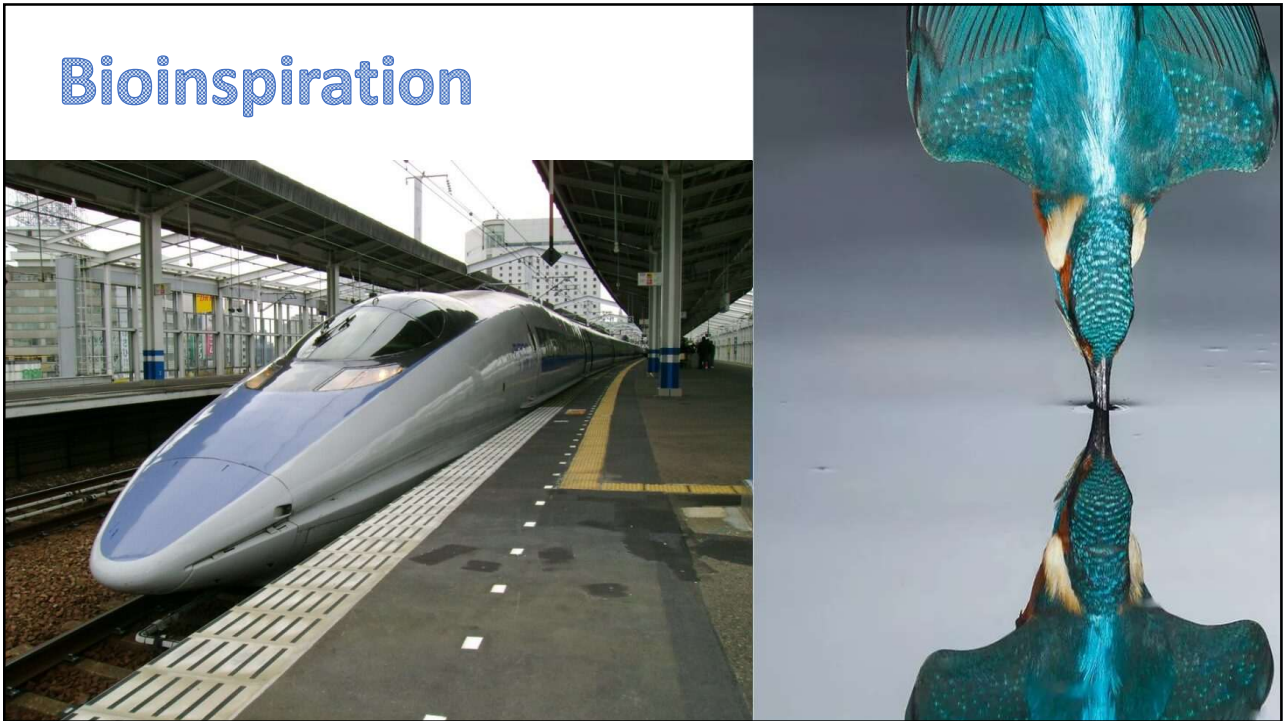
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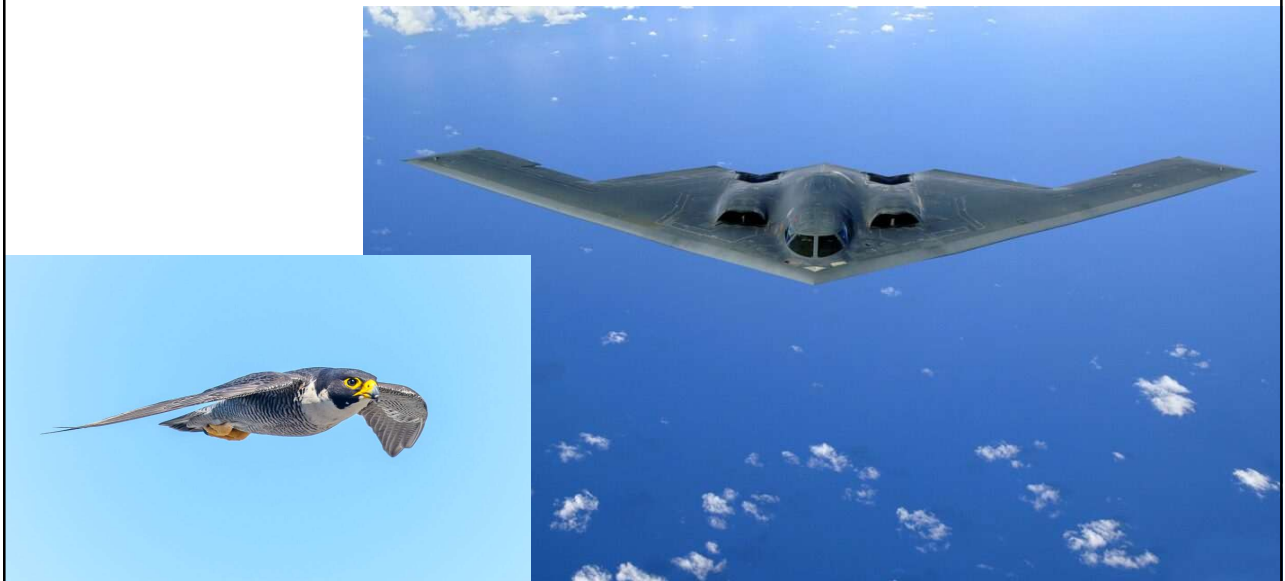
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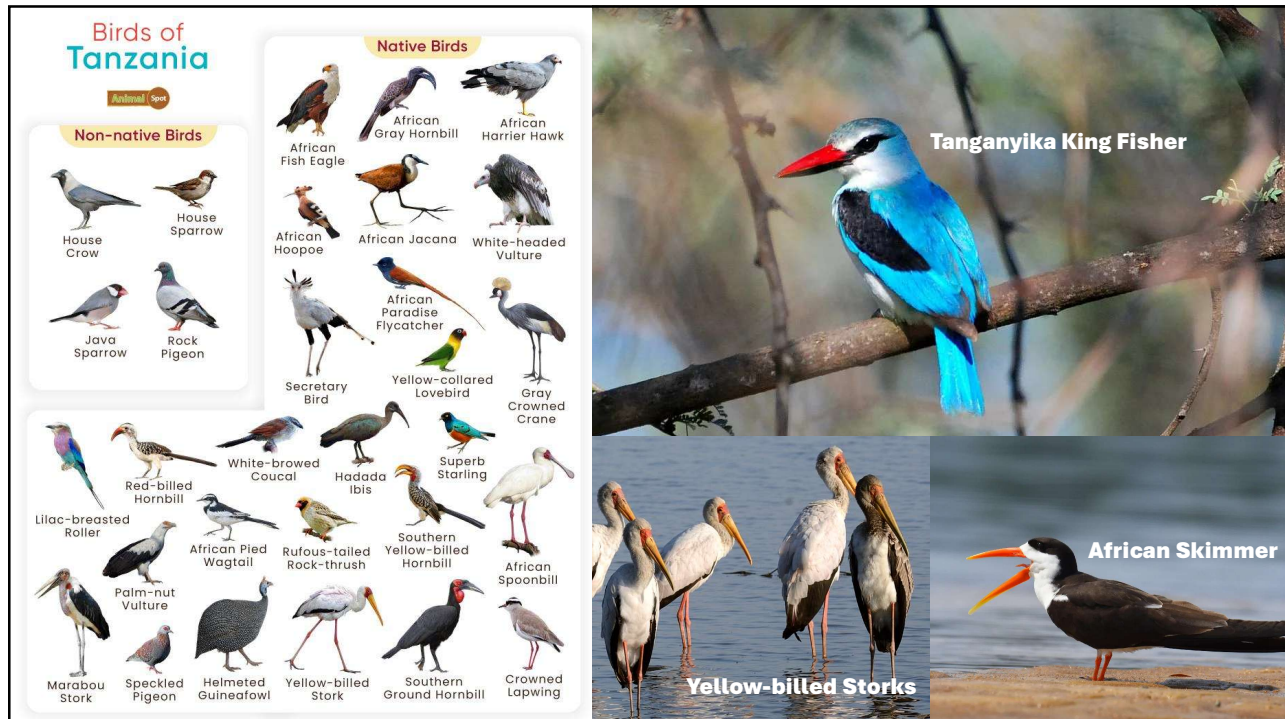
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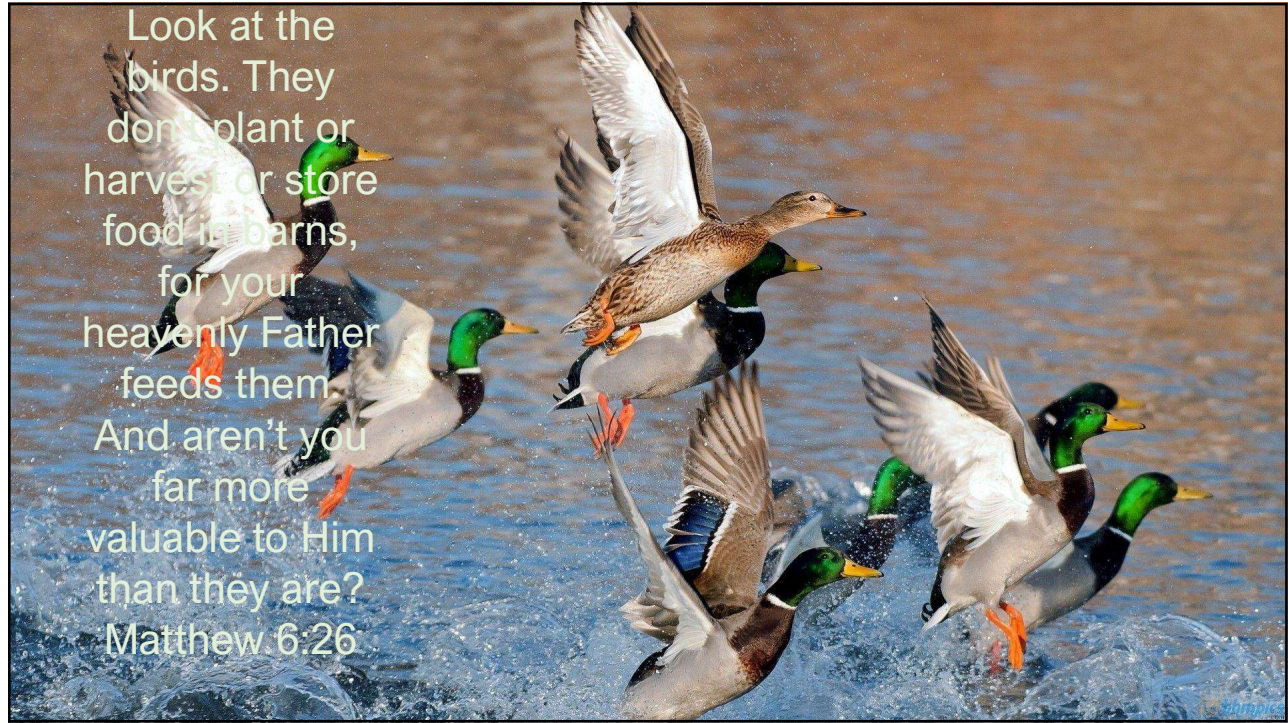


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Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to Him than they are? Matthew 6:26

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Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will.

Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. Matthew 10:29 & 31

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He will cover you
with His feathers,
and under His
wings you will
find refuge;
His faithfulness
will be your
shield and
rampart.
Psalm 91:4

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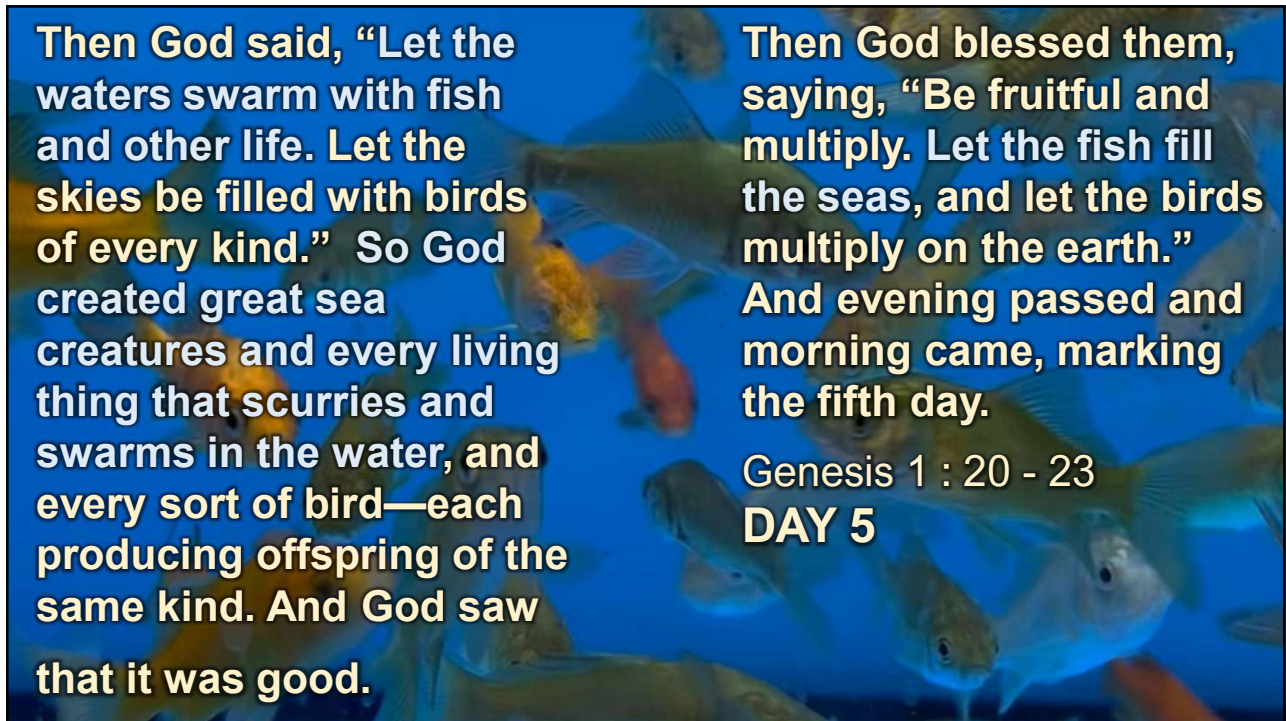
But those who
wait on the Lord
Shall renew their
strength;
They shall
mount up with
wings like
eagles,
They shall run
and not be
weary,
They shall walk
and not faint.
Isaiah 40:31

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Why did God create fish?

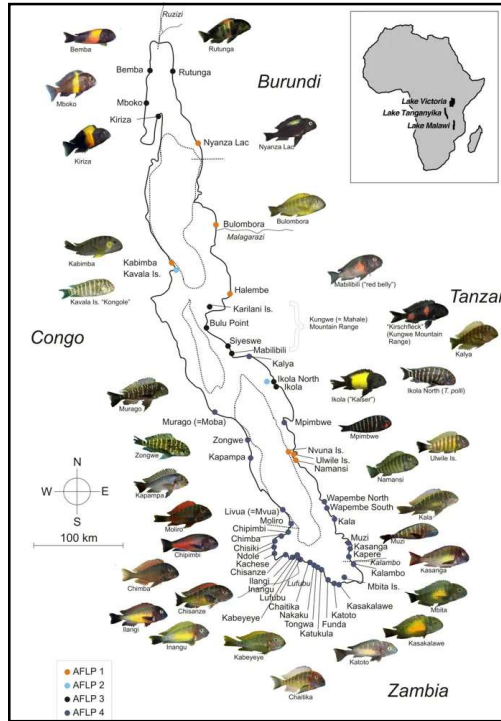
- Fish provide food for humans and animals
- Regulation of the food web and are bioindicators
- Recycling of nutrients and bottom substrates
- Control of hazardous diseases, algae, and vectors (mosquitos)
- Shellfish and corrals filter water
- And they add ...

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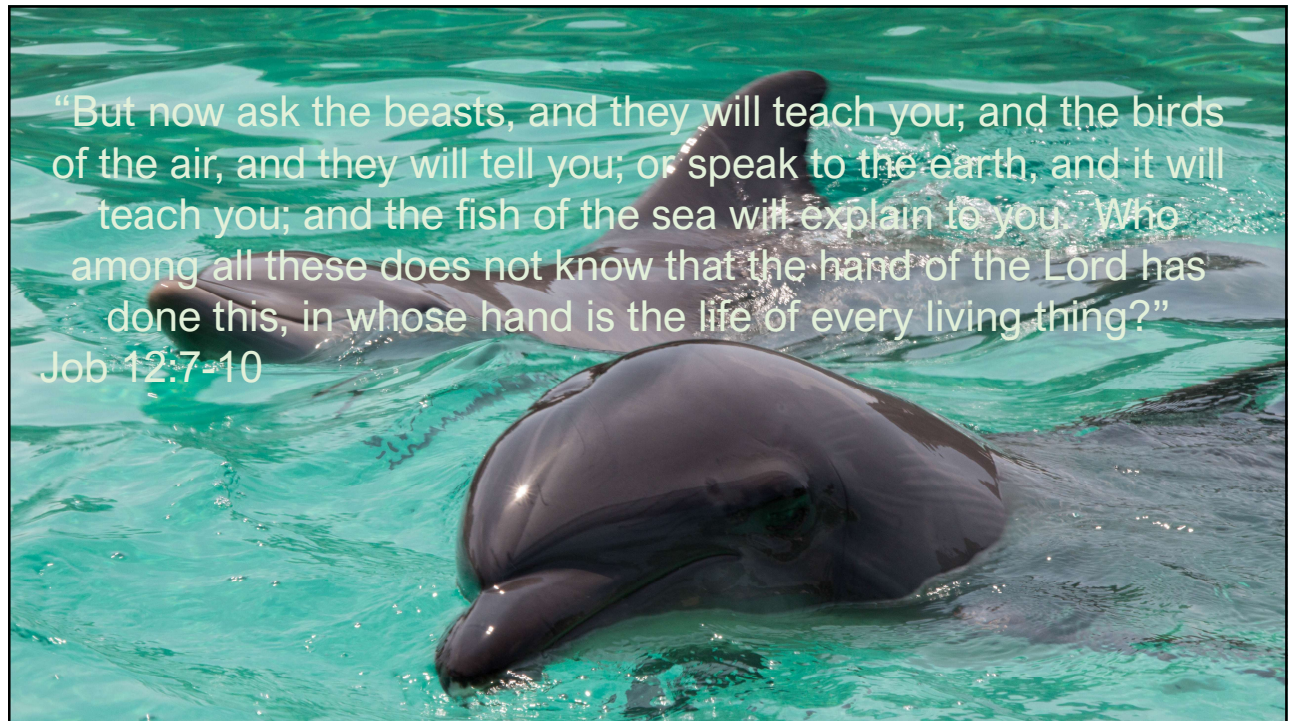


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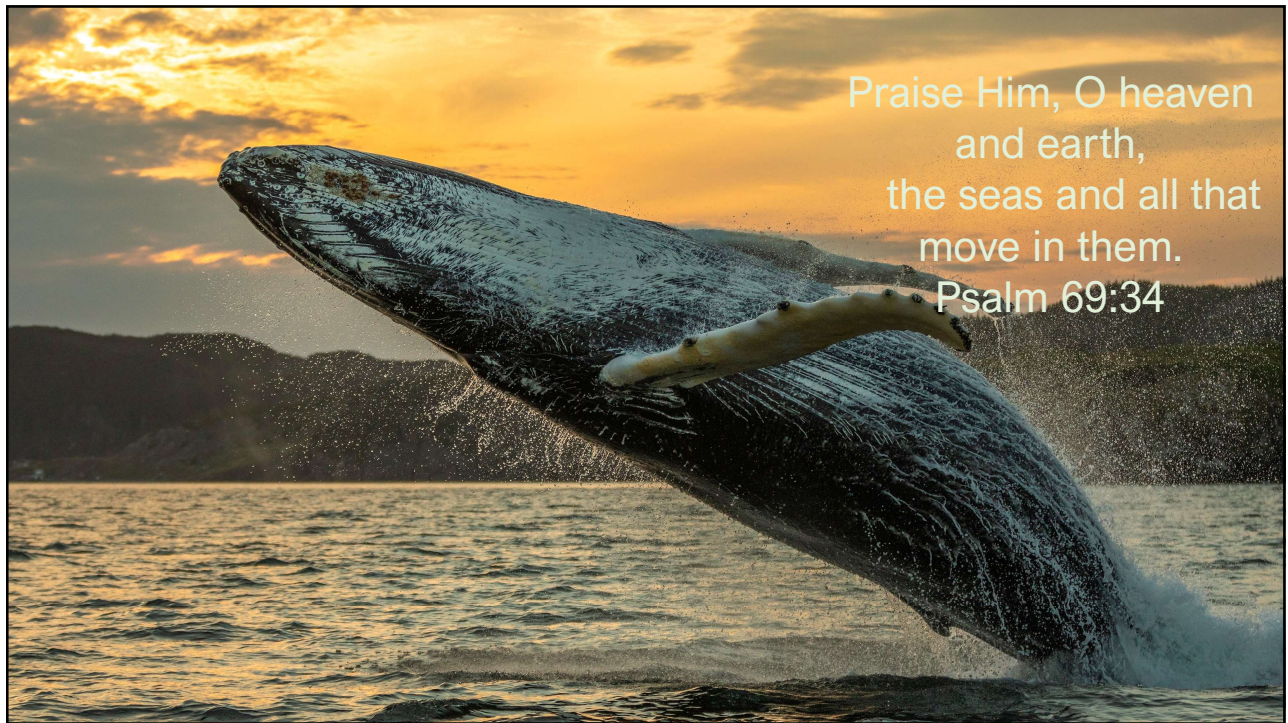
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...the fish in the sea,
and everything that
swims the ocean
currents.

O Lord, our Lord, Your
majestic name fills the
earth.
Psalm 8

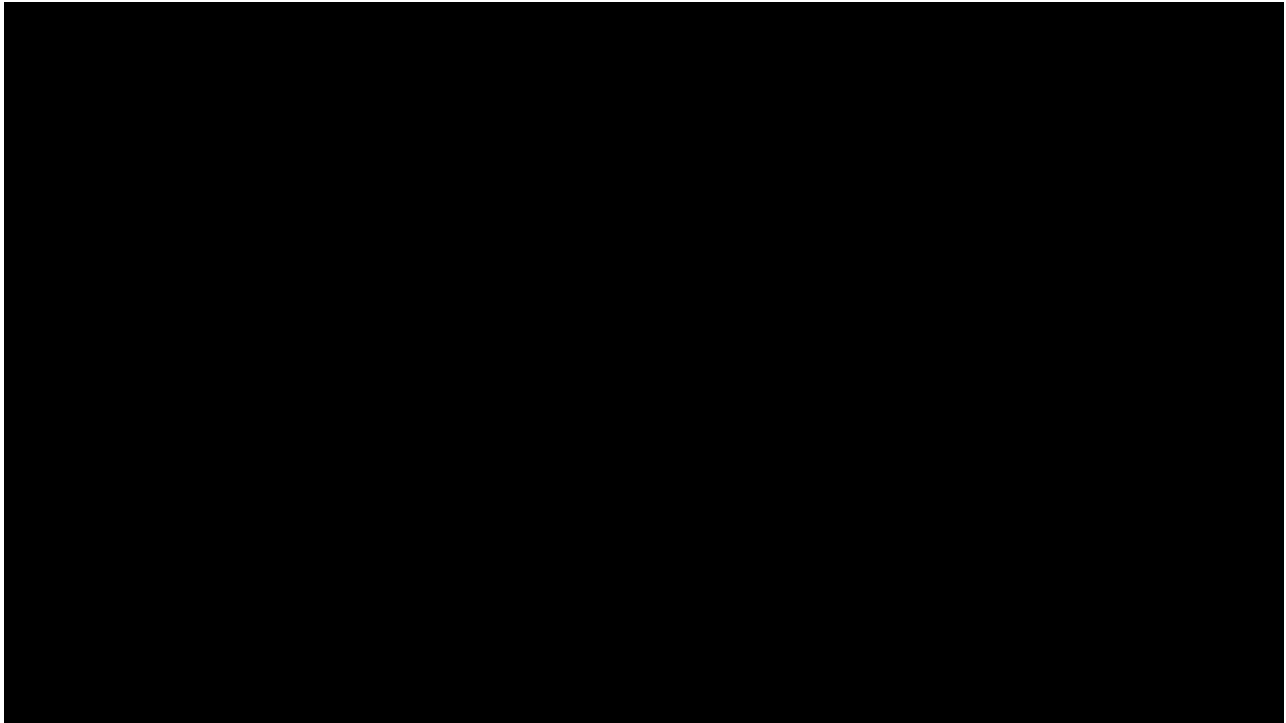
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Praise Him, O heaven
and earth,
the seas and all that
move in them.
Psalm 69:34

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Man's God-given Responsibilities

...according to Genesis

Mankind has an active role assigned to him by God in the ecosystem.

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Man's God-given Responsibilities

...according to Genesis

1. Be fruitful and increase in number (vs. 1:28)
2. Fill the earth and subdue it (vs. 1:28)
3. Rule over (have dominion) over creation (vs. 1:28)
4. To work the earth (2:5 & 2:15)
5. To take care of it (2:15)

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Stewardship

- Matthew 25:14-30
- The concept of stewardship for the Christian applies to all things God has blessed us with, including ...
- His creation or the environment.



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Environmental Stewardship

- Today, modern environmentalists teach that nature should be not interfered with.
- As a result, environmentalists have become like the servant with 1 talent.
- Stewardship involves using resources so that they last for future generations (sustainable).



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Environmental Stewardship

- Awareness of the problem is not enough. A Biblical Environmentalist will see that scripture clearly talks about being good stewards of the gifts God has given us, including His creation.
- A Biblical Environmentalist will seek solutions to challenging dilemmas that still allow the environment to be used for its God-given design and purpose.



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Become a Biblical Environmentalist

- A Christian can still serve at an event like this.
- We understand that we are stewards of what God has given us.
- We perform our God-given roles.
- We are not in denial as to what will ultimately happen to creation.
- We look forward to a new heaven and new earth.

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