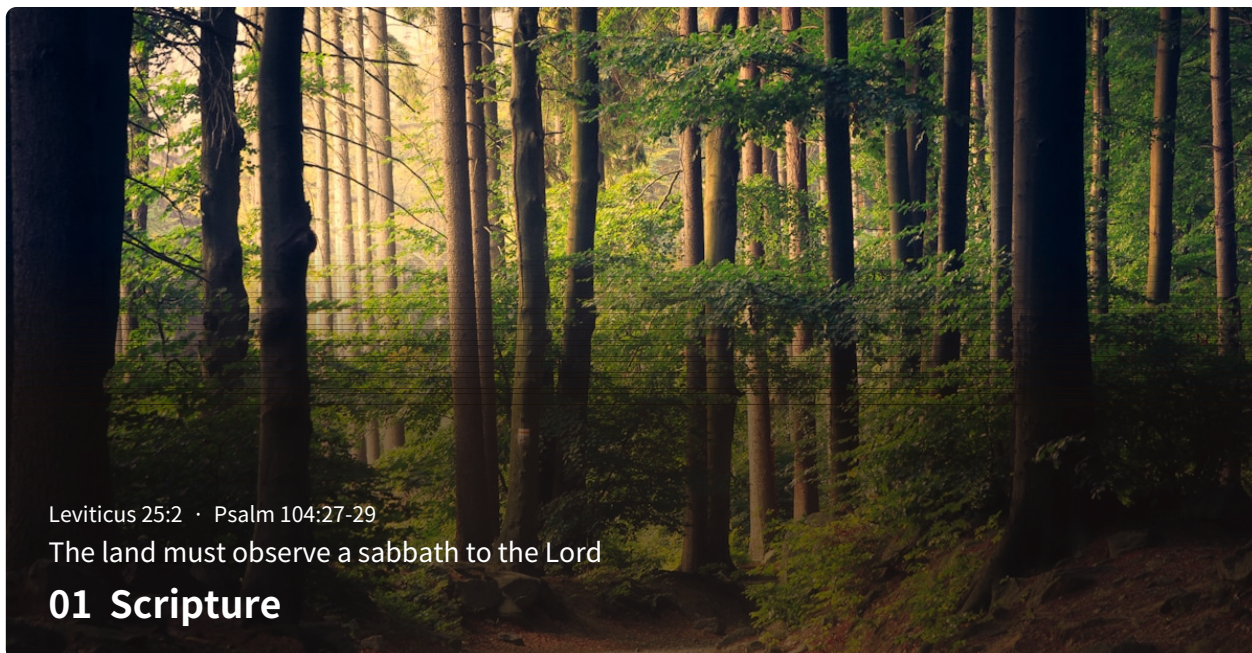


2026 CREATION CARE · WEEK 3

The Finitude of Creation

An order that calls us to depend on God



"Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'When you enter the land I am going to give you, the land itself must observe a sabbath to the Lord.'"

Leviticus 25:2

"All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time. When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things. When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust."

Psalm 104:27-29

This finitude is not a deficiency, but an order that calls us to depend on God.

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Reflection

This world created by the infinite God is a world of finite creatures. Scripture shows us that there are limits within nature and life. Even the land God gave needs rest. Just as seasons flow and nature changes, all life lives within the rhythm God has established.

**We are not self-sustaining beings, but
beings who live by depending on God.**

We who are created in God's image are also finite beings. We must eat to live, rest to recover, and sleep to gain strength to live again. In this rhythm of life, we learn that we are not self-sustaining beings, but beings who live by depending on God.



Scripture also shows us that all life depends on God. When the Lord gives, we enjoy; when He takes away, we return to dust. Our time and life are also in God's hands. The beauty and vitality of creation all come from God. Therefore, we must not be beings who recklessly consume this finite creation, but stewards who care for what God has entrusted to us.

03 **Did You Know?**

Digital Energy

Storing and sending a single email uses data center power and network energy. Simply reducing unnecessary emails can lower digital energy consumption.

1

Tire Pressure

Low tire pressure reduces fuel efficiency. Maintaining proper pressure can improve fuel efficiency by about 3%.

2

Dryer Energy

Home clothes dryers account for about 6% of total household electricity. Air drying reduces this energy use to nearly zero.

3

Microfibers

Using a dryer shortens the lifespan of clothes and generates microfibers. Air drying reduces fiber damage and helps reduce waste.

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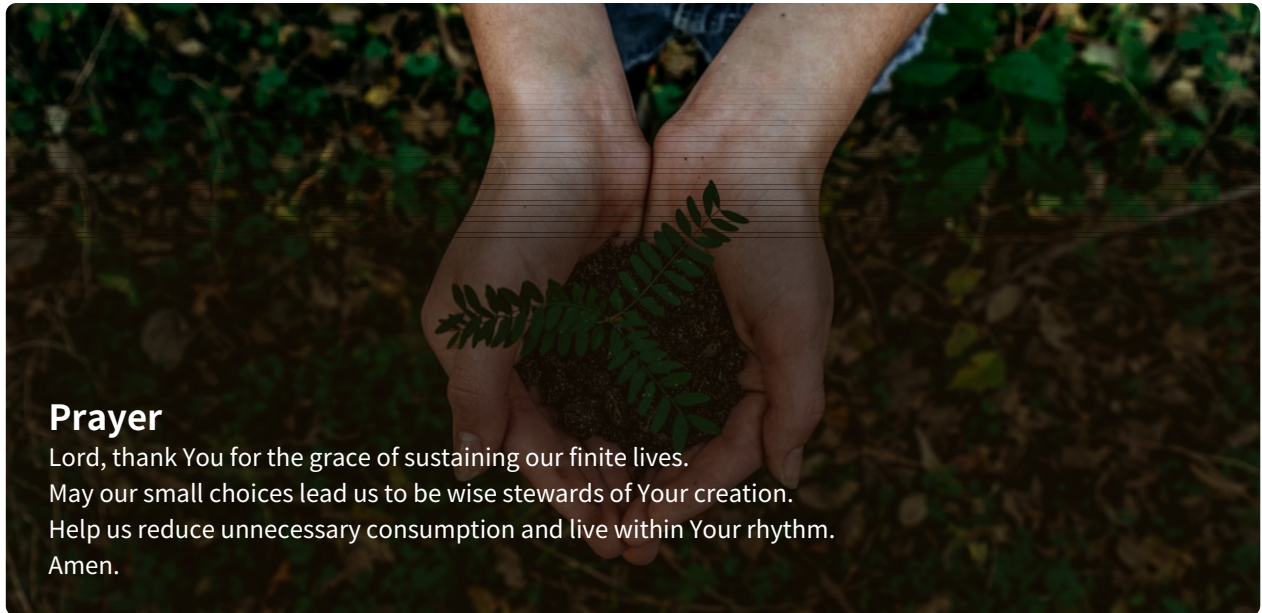
This Week's Practice

! Reduce Digital & Energy Consumption

This week, try at least one: unsubscribe from unnecessary emails, turn off power strips at night, or air-dry laundry instead of using a dryer.

Consider

God's creation is finite. Our invisible consumption (digital, energy use) also affects creation. This week, through small daily choices, let us practice reducing unnecessary consumption and waste, and live as wiser stewards.



Prayer

Lord, thank You for the grace of sustaining our finite lives.
May our small choices lead us to be wise stewards of Your creation.
Help us reduce unnecessary consumption and live within Your rhythm.
Amen.

**We hope to become wise
stewards who live within God's rhythm.**

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Next week: Week 4 — The Hope of Creation