

## **This Is My Father's World**

**Text: Genesis 1:1 - 2:4**

**Genesis has the most memorable opening phrase in the history of opening phrases. "In The Beginning"**

**It's not enough to say it's God's world, or it's the Creator's world. No, it's your *Father's* world.**

**1. God created the world with i\_\_\_\_\_.**

**The Hebrew verb can actually be translated "*became*" ...as in: The earth *became* formless and empty. In Hebrew, formless and empty mean, literally, uninhabited, and uninhabitable.**

**The point of Genesis 1 — and this can't be overlooked — is that *God created* the world and all that is in it.**

***"In wisdom you made them all.....Psalm 104:24***

**This was God's intention from the very beginning. This means that there is nothing m\_\_\_\_\_ or i\_\_\_\_\_ about the world we live in, or the role we are called to play. God created the world with intention.**

**2. God loves his creation.**

***May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works... (Psalm 104:31)***

He takes pleasure in his creation. And in a poetic sense, his creation takes pleasure in him. His creation reveals his glory — and even revels in his glory. Psalm 19:1; Psalm 148:3-4

God loves his creation. And his creation — with the exception of hell — is in tune with its creator.

This universe in which we find ourselves, this earth on which we live, is a good and beautiful creation. This includes all of nature, as well as every human being throughout history.

3. God wants us to love what he loves and who he loves.

First, we need to do all we can do to take proper care of our environment.

Not only does God want us to love the world he has created. He wants us to love the people who were created in his image.

You will never encounter a person who was not created in the image of God. You will never come face-to-face with an individual who is not deeply loved by God — to the extent that he sent his Son Jesus Christ into the world to die on the cross *specifically for that individual*.

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. (1 John 4:7)

