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I explore the Biblical stories of Creation and I can reflect on how we understand these truths in our modern world.



Reflecting on the creation narratives, in the past and in the present reminds us of God's love for all of creation.

This helps us to bear sufferings or difficulties.

Core learning: I understand that the Creation story in Genesis 1 was written in a time of persecution and suffering (The people of Israel's exile in Babylon as they questioned whether God was in fact all-powerful).

The Creation Story: God is All-Powerful

In the beginning when God created
the heavens and the earth,
the earth was a formless void
and darkness covered the face of the deep,
while a wind from God swept
over the face of the waters.



In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth

The Creation Story: God is All-Powerful

Then God said, 'Let there be light';
and there was light.

And God saw that the light was good;
and God separated the light from the darkness.

God called the light Day,
and the darkness he called Night.

And there was evening
and there was morning,
the first day.



God said..."Let there be light"

And there was light

Genesis 1:3

**Jesus is my Lord and Savior...
...The light of my life**

The Creation Story: God is All-Powerful

And God said,
'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters,
and let it separate the waters from the waters.'

So God made the dome
and separated the waters that were under the dome
from the waters that were above the dome.

And it was so.

God called the dome Sky.
And there was evening
and there was morning,
the second day.



The Creation Story: God is All-Powerful

And God said,
'Let the waters under the sky
be gathered together into one place,
and let the dry land appear.'

And it was so.

God called the dry land Earth,
and the waters that were gathered together
he called Seas.

And God saw that it was good.



The Creation Story: God is All-Powerful

God called the dry land Earth,
and the waters that were gathered together
he called Seas.
And God saw that it was good.

Then God said,
'Let the earth put forth vegetation:
plants yielding seed,
and fruit trees of every kind on earth
that bear fruit with the seed in it.'

And it was so.

PSALM 95:5

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THE SEA IS HIS, AND HE MADE IT: AND HIS HANDS FORMED THE DRY LAND.



The Creation Story: God is All-Powerful

The earth brought forth vegetation:
plants yielding seed of every kind,
and trees of every kind bearing fruit
with the seed in it.

And God saw that it was good.
And there was evening and there was morning,
the third day.



GENESIS 1:29

Then God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you."

The Creation Story: God is All-Powerful

And God said,
'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky
to separate the day from the night;
and let them be for signs and for seasons
and for days and years,
and let them be lights in the dome of the sky
to give light upon the earth.'

And it was so.

God made the two great lights
—the greater light to rule the day
and the lesser light to rule the night
—and the stars.



sun, moon and stars

The Creation Story: God is All-Powerful

God set them in the dome of the sky
to give light upon the earth,
to rule over the day and over the night,
and to separate the light from the darkness.

And God saw that it was good.

And there was evening and there was morning,
the fourth day.

and there was evening and there was morning...



The Creation Story: God is All-Powerful

And God said,
‘Let the waters bring forth
swarms of living creatures,
and let birds fly above the earth
across the dome of the sky.
’ So God created the great sea monsters
and every living creature that moves,
of every kind, with which the waters swarm,
and every winged bird of every kind.
And God saw that it was good.
God blessed them, saying,
‘Be fruitful and multiply
and fill the waters in the seas,
and let birds multiply on the earth.’
And there was evening and there was morning,
the fifth day.



Swarms of living creatures

The Creation Story: God is All-Powerful

And God said,
'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind:
cattle and creeping things
and wild animals of the earth of every kind.'

And it was so.

God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind,
and the cattle of every kind,
and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind.

And God saw that it was good.



Cattle, creeping things and wild animals of all kinds

The Creation Story: God is All-Powerful

Then God said,
'Let us make humankind in our image,
according to our likeness;
and let them have dominion
over the fish of the sea,
and over the birds of the air,
and over the cattle,
and over all the wild animals of the earth,
and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL PS. 45:11 • YOU ARE UNIQUE PS. 139:13
• YOU ARE LOVED JER. 31:3 • YOU ARE SPECIAL EPH. 2:10 •
YOU WERE CREATED FOR A PURPOSE JER. 29:11 • YOU
ARE CARED FOR EPH. 3:17-19 • YOU ARE LOVELY DAN. 12:3 •
YOU ARE PRECIOUS 1 COR. 6:20 • YOU ARE STRONG PS. 138:3
• YOU ARE IMPORTANT 1 PET. 2:9 • YOU ARE FORGIVEN
PS. 103:12 • YOU ARE A NEW CREATION 2 COR. 5:17 • YOU ARE
PROTECTED PS. 121:3 • YOU ARE EMPOWERED PHIL. 4:13 •
YOU ARE CHOSEN JN 15:16 • YOU ARE FAMILY EPH. 2:10
• YOU ARE MINE IS. 43:1 •

We are made in the image and likeness of God.

The Creation Story: God is All-Powerful

God blessed them,
and God said to them,
'Be fruitful and multiply,
and fill the earth and subdue it;
and have dominion over the fish of the sea
and over the birds of the air
and over every living thing
that moves upon the earth.'

God said,
'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed
that is upon the face of all the earth,
and every tree with seed in its fruit;
you shall have them for food.



Days of Creation

The Creation Story: God is All-Powerful

And to every beast of the earth,
and to every bird of the air,
and to everything that creeps on the earth,
everything that has the breath of life,
I have given every green plant for food.'

And it was so.

God saw everything that he had made,
and indeed, it was very good.
And there was evening and there was morning,
the sixth day.



The Creation Story: God is All-Powerful

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished,
and all their multitude.
And on the seventh day
God finished the work that he had done,
and he rested on the seventh day
from all the work that he had done.
So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it,
because on it God rested
from all the work that he had done
in creation.



Creation story

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Core learning: I recognise that when people suffer today it can be their natural response to question God but I understand that God helps us to bear our sufferings with love and hope.

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Pray Psalm 130



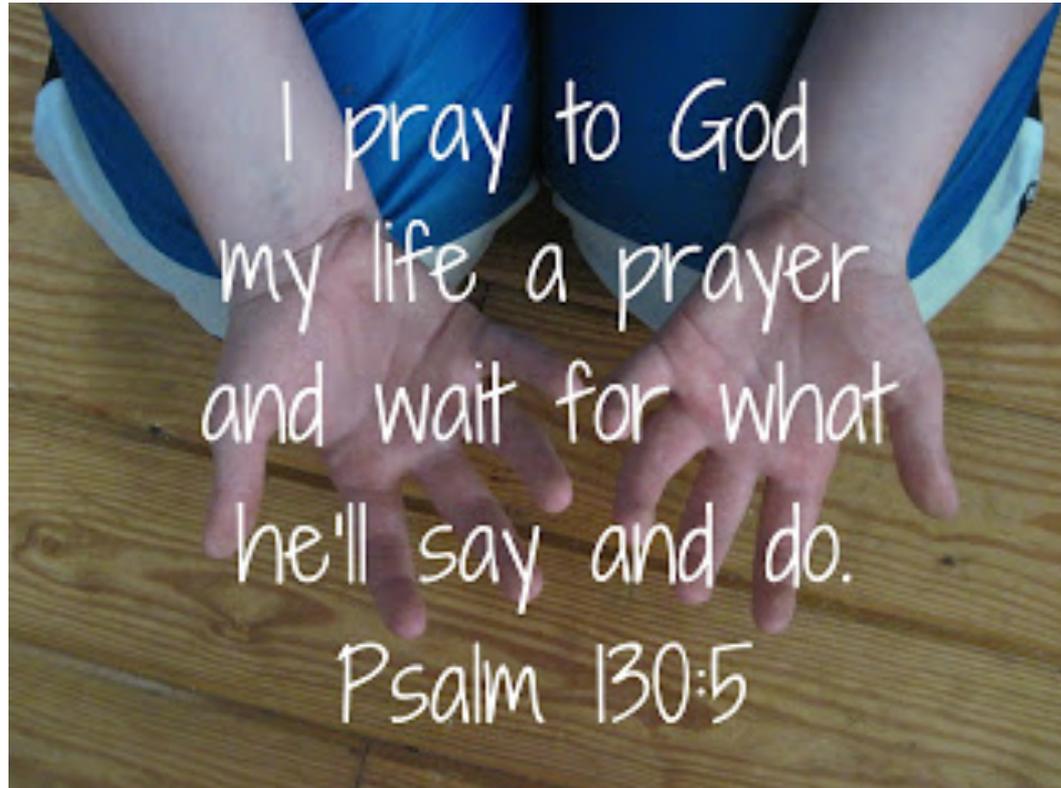
From the depths I have cried out to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplication.

If you, Lord, were to mark iniquities, who, O Lord, shall stand?
But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered. I trust in the Lord;
My soul trusts in his word.
My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen wait for the dawn.

More than watchmen wait for the dawn, let Israel hope in the Lord.
For with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.
And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

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Out of the Depths

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.

Out of the Depths

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.
It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.

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Prayer in Misfortune

Hear my prayer, O Lord;
let my cry come to you.

Do not hide your face from me
on the day of my distress.

Incline your ear to me;
answer me speedily on the day when I call.

A close-up photograph of a person's hands in a prayer position, with the text "learning to pray" overlaid. The hands are dark-skinned and are pressed together in a traditional prayer gesture. The person is wearing a white shirt, which is visible in the background. The text is white with a slight shadow, making it stand out against the darker background of the hands.

learning to pray

Prayer in Misfortune

For my days pass away like smoke,
and my bones burn like a furnace.

My heart is stricken and withered like grass;
I am too wasted to eat my bread.

Because of my loud groaning
my bones cling to my skin.

I am like an owl of the wilderness,
like a little owl of the waste places.
I lie awake;
I am like a lonely bird on the housetop.

Prayer in Misfortune

All day long my enemies taunt me;
those who deride me use my name for a curse.

For I eat ashes like bread,
and mingle tears with my drink,
because of your indignation and anger;
for you have lifted me up and thrown me aside.

My days are like an evening shadow;
I wither away like grass



Prayer in Misfortune

But you, O Lord, are enthroned for ever;
your name endures to all generations.

You will rise up and have compassion on Zion,
for it is time to favour it;
the appointed time has come.

For your servants hold its stones dear,
and have pity on its dust.

The nations will fear the name of the Lord,
and all the kings of the earth your glory.

For the Lord will build up Zion;
he will appear in his glory.

Prayer in Misfortune

He will regard the prayer of the destitute,
and will not despise their prayer.

Let this be recorded for a generation to come,
so that a people yet unborn may praise the Lord:

that he looked down from his holy height,
from heaven the Lord looked at the earth,
to hear the groans of the prisoners,
to set free those who were doomed to die;
so that the name of the Lord may be declared in Zion,
and his praise in Jerusalem,
when peoples gather together,
and kingdoms, to worship the Lord.



Prayer in Misfortune

He has broken my strength in mid-course;
he has shortened my days.

'O my God,' I say, 'do not take me away
at the mid-point of my life,
you whose years endure
throughout all generations.'



Learn and sing the hymn, "Turn to me, O turn and be saved"

Prayer in Misfortune

Long ago you laid the foundation of the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands.

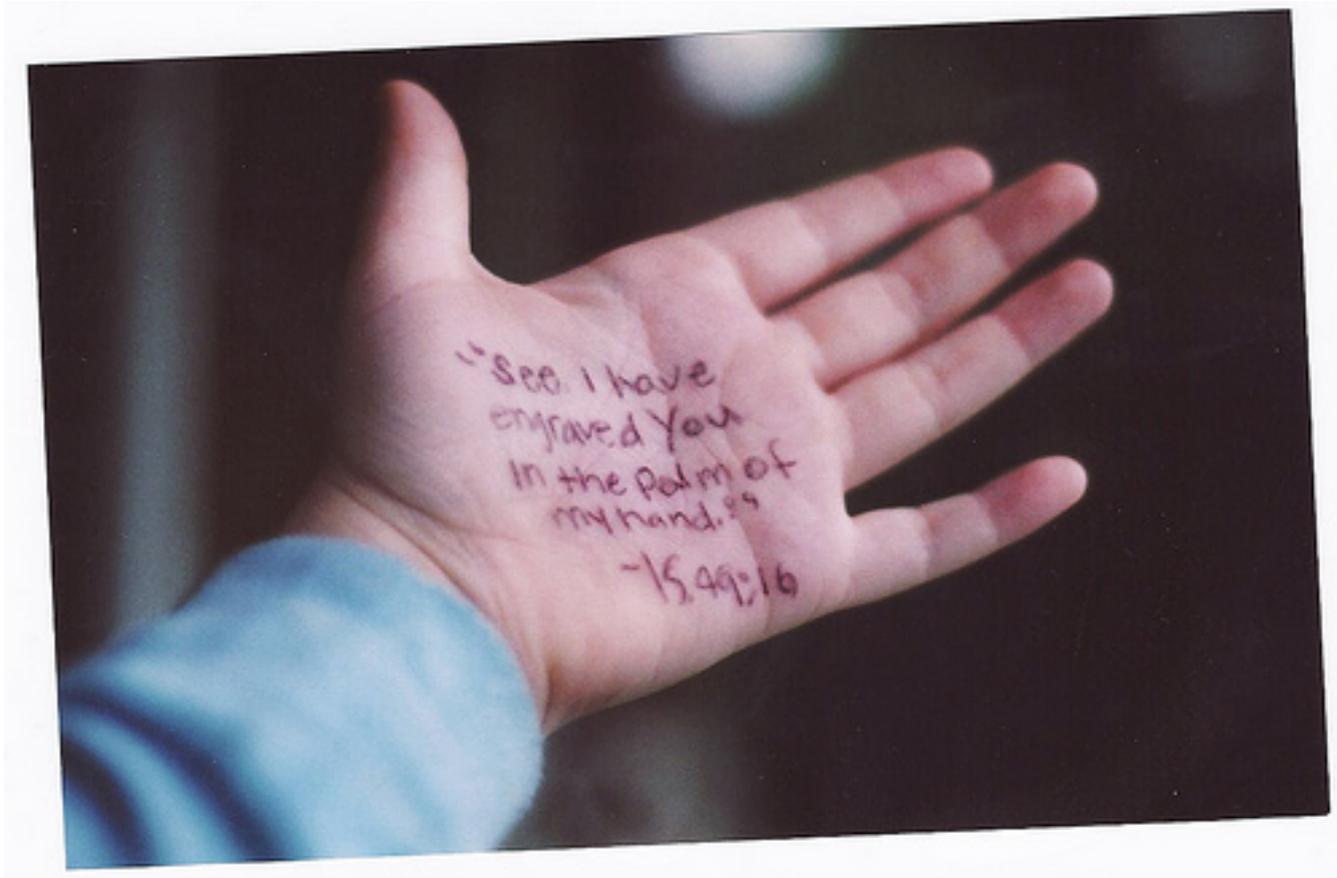
They will perish, but you endure;
they will all wear out like a garment.

You change them like clothing,
and they pass away;
but you are the same,
and your years have no end.

The children of your servants shall live secure;
their offspring shall be established in your presence.

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I know that people can find consolation and guidance in Sacred Scripture, knowing that others have suffered, questioned and, with God's help, have responded creatively in faith. e.g.,
I will never forget you my people (Isaiah 49: 14-16)

I Will Never Forget You

But Zion said, 'The Lord has forsaken me,
my Lord has forgotten me.'

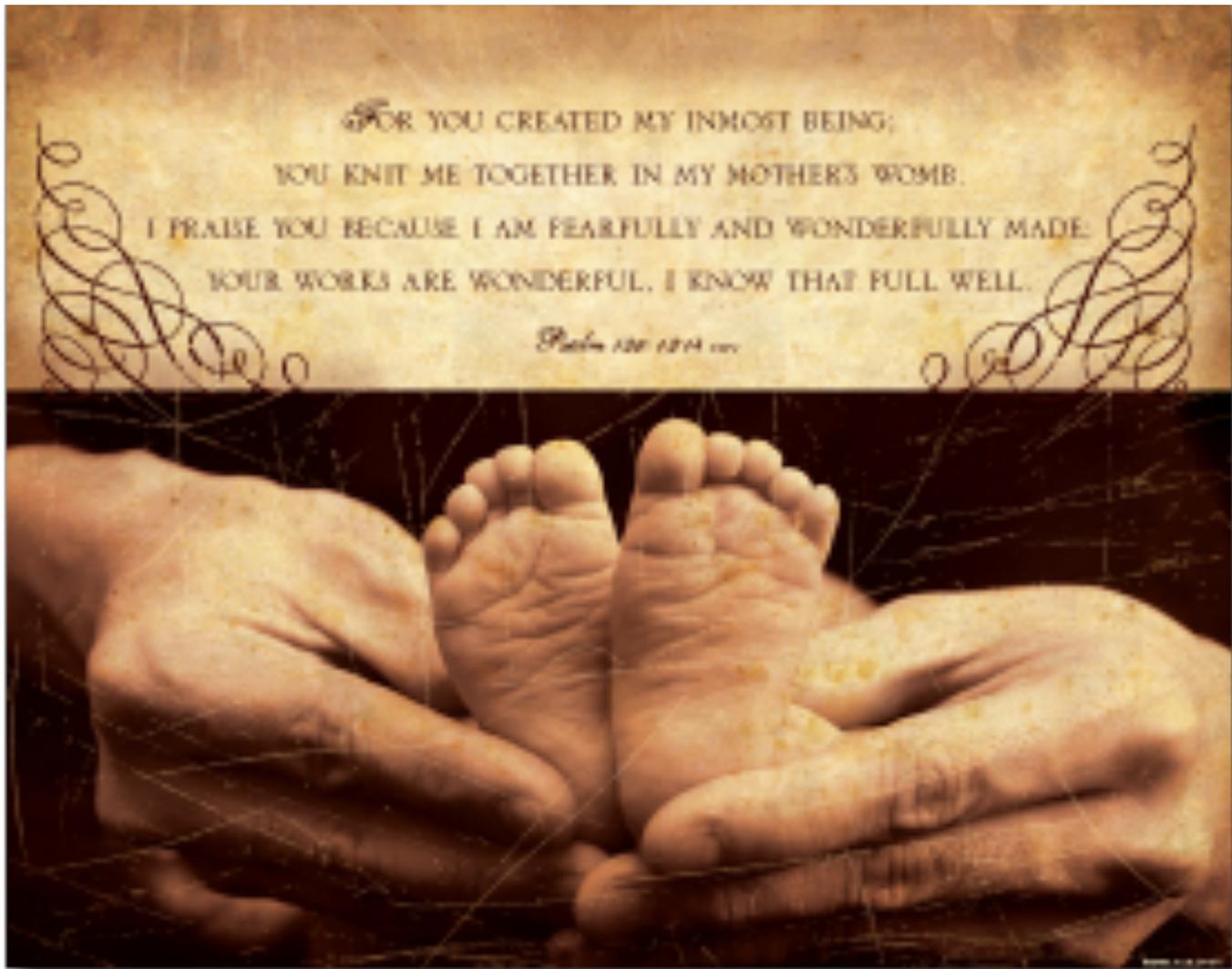
Can a woman forget her nursing-child,
or show no compassion for the child of her womb?

Even these may forget,
yet I will not forget you.

See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands;
your walls are continually before me.







Pray quietly these words from the Psalm 139

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The three young men praise God in the furnace (Daniel 3: 17-24 & 25-45 or 51-90).

Three young men refuse to worship false gods

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king,
"O Nebuchadnezzar,
we have no need to present a defense to you in this matter.

If our God whom we serve is able to
deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand,
O king, let him deliver us.
But if not, be it known to you,
O king, that we will not serve your gods
and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up."

Three young men refuse to worship false gods

He replied, "But I see four men unbound, walking in the middle of the fire,
and they are not hurt;
and the fourth has the appearance of a god."

Nebuchadnezzar then approached the door of the furnace of blazing fire and said,
"Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego,
servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!"
So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire.



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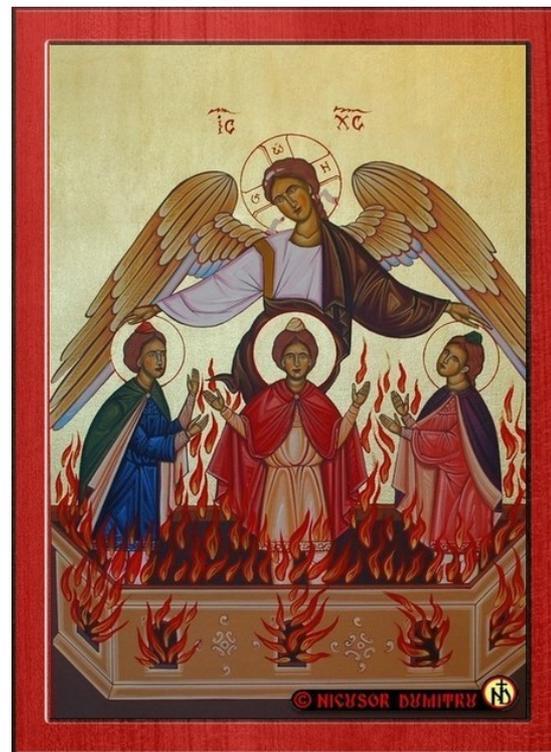
And the satraps, the prefects, the governors,
and the king's counselors gathered together and saw that the fire
had not had any power over the bodies of those men;



the hair of their heads was not singed, their tunics were not harmed,
and not even the smell of fire came from them.

Three young men refuse to worship false gods

Nebuchadnezzar said,
"Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego,
who has sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him.
They disobeyed the king's command
and yielded up their bodies rather than
serve and worship any god except their own God.



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Therefore I make a decree:

Any people, nation, or language that utters blasphemy against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins; for there is no other god who is able to deliver in this way."

Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.



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Core learning: I have read the Creation stories and I know that:
man and woman were created last of all.

They were created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1: 26:27)
-the breath of God was breathed into them (Genesis 2: 7).

I know, therefore, that human beings have a unique
and eternal relationship with God the creator.

God Creates Man and Woman

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image,
according to our likeness;

and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea,
and over the birds of the air,
and over the cattle,
and over all the wild animals of the earth,
and over every creeping thing
that creeps upon the earth.'

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.



men and women are equal

God Breathes the Breath of Life

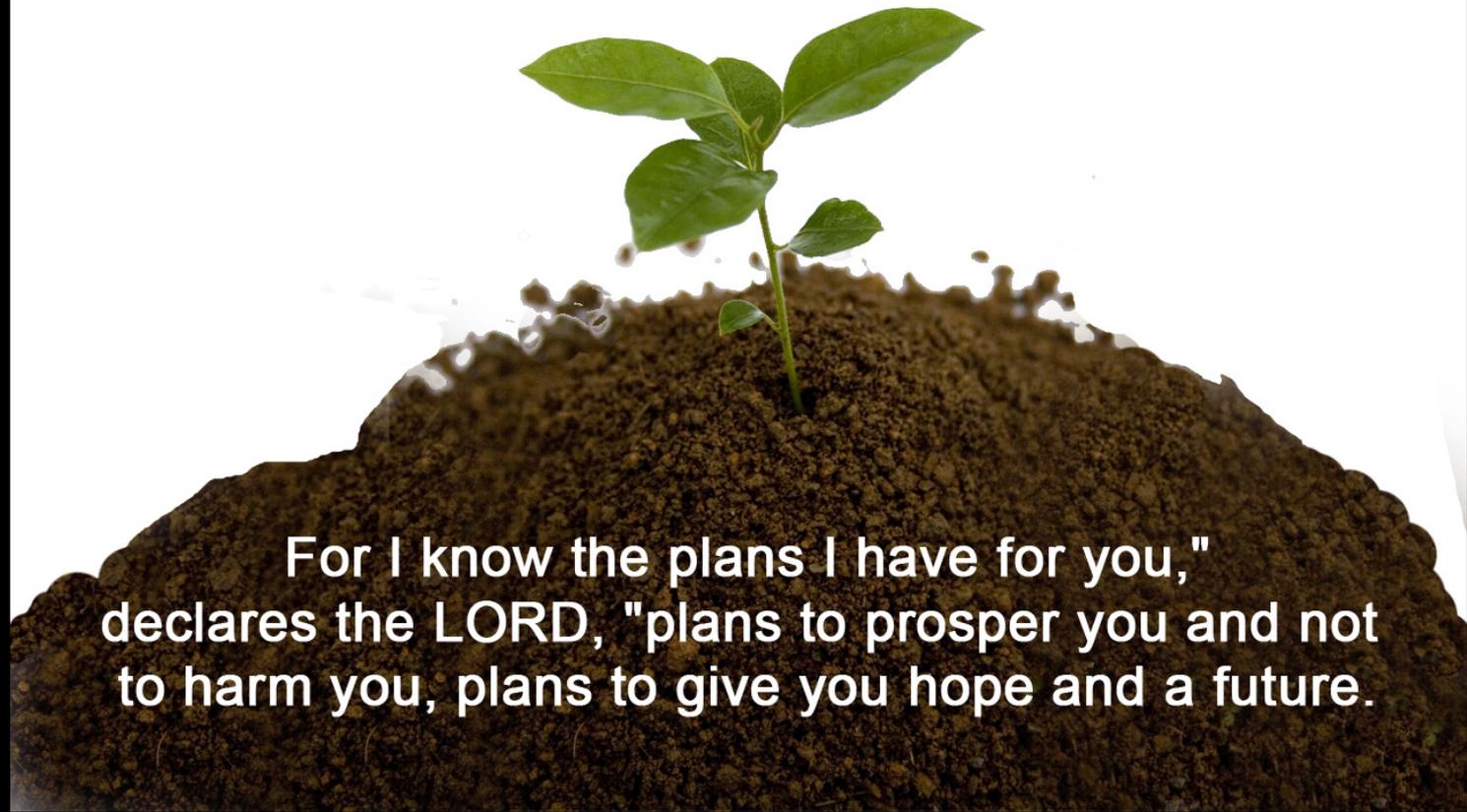
...then the Lord God formed man
from the dust of the ground,
and breathed into his nostrils
the breath of life;

and the man became a living being.



The image of God ensures that human beings have a unique and eternal relationship with the creator. Compose a short prayer thanking God for this.

Jeremiah 29:11



For I know the plans I have for you,"
declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not
to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

God's plan is to give you a future with hope.