

Can We Create Heaven Now?

God created this world to reflect His glory, and He has given us the task of representing Him. When we engage with His world according to His values, that pleases Him and reflects His character.

This world reflects God's glory.

The heavens declare the glory of God,
And the sky above proclaims His handiwork. —Psalm 19:1

Blessed be His glorious name forever, may the whole earth be filled with His glory!
Amen and amen! —Psalm 72:19

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light...Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. —1 Peter 2:9, 12

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. —Matthew 5:14-16

Engagement with God's world reflects God's values.

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? —Micah 6:8

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause. —Isaiah 1:16-17

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

Human Works Will Not Create God's Kingdom

I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. —Ezekiel 36:24-28

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be any mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new."

—Revelation 21:3-5a

What Can We Do?

- Pray
- Speak
- Act