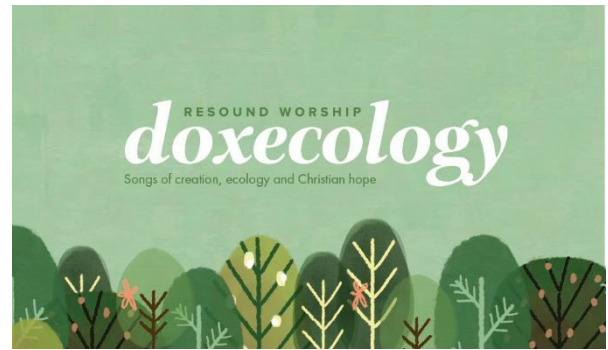


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DOXECOLOGY 3: The Hope of Creation



For God's people, the book of Leviticus was the place to find values and rules for daily living. What do you know about Sabbath and Jubilee?

Read Leviticus 25:1-12

- Why do you think we have no record of the Year of Jubilee ever being practised? Can you imagine any such practice today?
- If the way you use your resources is a vote for the kind of world you want to live in, what are you voting for?
- What personal practices of Sabbath or Jubilee might you adopt?
- How much is your life characterised by gratitude to God? Is there anything you could do to live more gratefully?

Read 2 Peter 3:11-13 and Revelation 21:1-2, 22:1-5

- For the word 'new', Peter uses the Greek word *kainos*, meaning 'renewed' rather than the word *neo*, meaning something that has not existed before. Also see Revelation 21:1 What does this imply?
- When you picture eternity with God, what does it look like? Does your picture match Revelation 21 and 22?
- What difference might it make to your everyday life to think that God will renew all creation?
- 'Take our efforts and our passions' – how might you cooperate with God as you engage in your skills, work and hobbies?
- How can we as Christians maintain and promote hope, despite the state of the planet?

Respond with prayer.

End by listening to the song below, available on the [Resound Worship](https://www.resoundworship.com) website.

God, the maker of the heavens,
and the planet that we share,
show us how to live, like Jesus,
lives of gratitude and care.
Make us mindful of the footprints
from the lives that we pursue.
Make us partners in your mission:
you are making all things new.

God, the gardener of Eden,
teach us how to tend this earth,
learning from the changing seasons,
times of fallow and new birth.
Lord have mercy when we're careless,
rich resources we misuse.
Use our hands to heal creation:
you are making all things new.

God of labour and vocation,
Lord of science, trade and art,
take our efforts and our passions
make them mirrors of your heart.
Every habitat and creature
loved and valued, God, by you.
May our lives reveal your Kingdom:
you are making all things new.

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Prayer resources:

[Pray and Fast for the Climate](#) (monthly emails)

[Prayer for A Rocha UK](#), including Eco Church