

Our Relationship to the Earth

Genesis 1:26-28
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God, People and the Earth

- The Land in the OT

God's Promise to Abraham

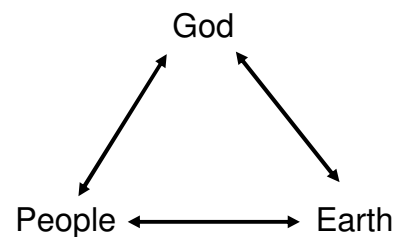
"Now the Lord said to Abram,
"Go forth from your country,
And from your relatives And
from your father's house, To the
land which I will show you;"
(Gen. 12:1)

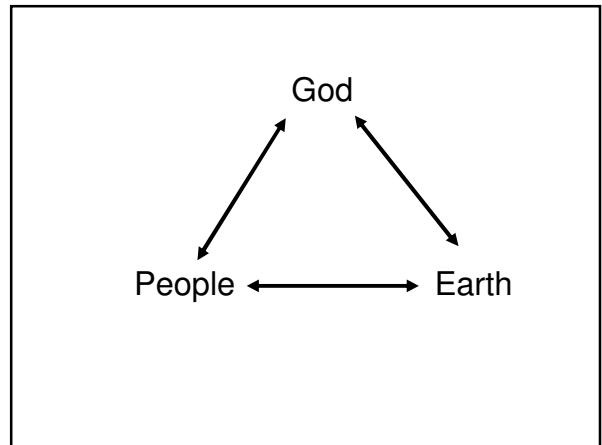
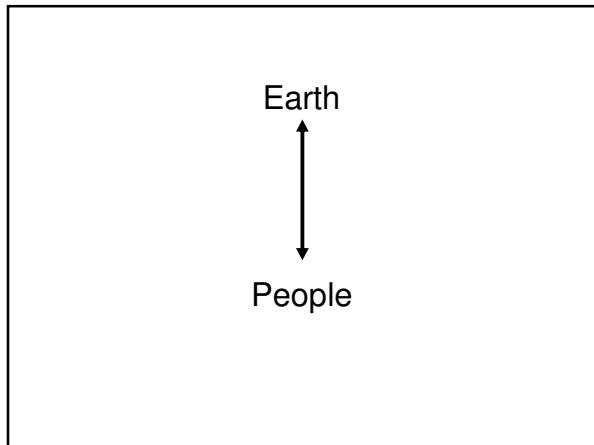
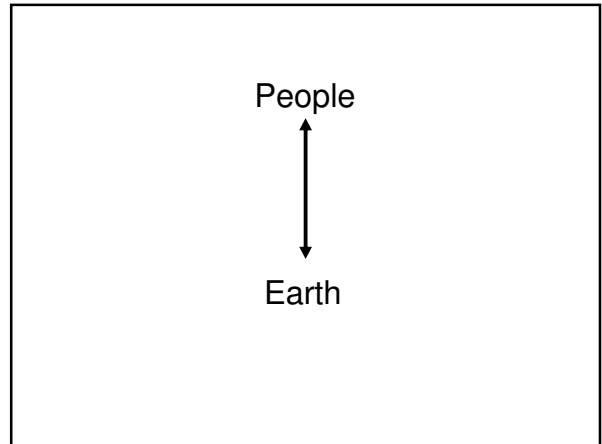
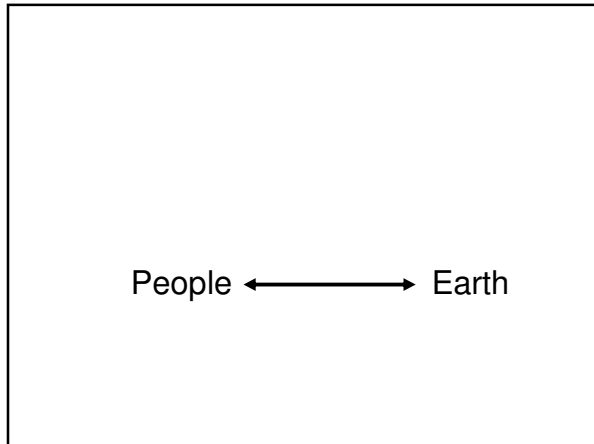
The Earth is the Lord's

"The **earth** is the Lord's, and all
it contains, The world, and
those who dwell in it." (Ps. 24:1)

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- The Land in the OT
- God's place and ours





We are part of God's Creation

- We are closely connected with the earth
- The earth has a future in eternity

A new earth

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer *any* sea."
(Rev. 21:1)

(cf. 1 Cor. 15:35-44; Rom. 8:19-23; Isa. 65:17)

We have a special place in God's Creation

- The image of God
- Rulers of the earth
- How should we rule?

“And as God is not a tyrant, neither should humankind express tyrannical tendencies over creation. As God called the world “good”, humankind must treat it as “good”. As God demonstrated his care for creation, humankind must care for it. . .

“Humans should therefore act toward creation in the same way God did. If people do anything else they are not practicing their rule under God, but are rather usurping authority that does not belong to them.”
[Walter McConnell]

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- The image of God
- Rulers of the earth
- How should we rule?
- What went wrong?

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