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Genesis 1:11

"Then God said, 'Let the land produce vegetation: seed bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.' And it was so."

Psalm 65:9

*"You care for the land and water it;
You enrich it abundantly.
The streams of God are filled with water
to provide the people with corn
for so you have ordained it."*

Psalm 104:14

*"He makes grass grow for the cattle,
And plants for man to cultivate-
Bringing forth food from the earth."*

"I'm parched." "I'm starving."

The world, God's world is a beautiful place full of bounty and plentiful in resources to sustain God's people. David in Psalm 65 recognises the blessing of God's abundance in providing water and food for his people. Similarly in Psalm 104 there is described grass for cattle and good land to produce good crops.

We rightly celebrate the harvest for we are very dependent on a plentiful supply of food.

But we are beginning to abuse and misuse the gifts of God. We are wasteful. We pollute the air, land and the seas. We fell trees. We overfish. We kill bees. What a mess we are making of God's creation.

We need God's help to teach us to protect, nurture and preserve the dwindling supplies of His world. Nature would survive without us. If we want to stick around we must live in harmony with God's environment.

Prayer. Lord help us to appreciate the blessings of your creation and by loving you and living in your ways we may make life sustainable for all people.