



**“The earth is
the Lord's, and
everything in it,
the world, and
all who live in it”**

Psalm 24:1

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Summary of the Biblical story



**We are created for relationship
with God, Others, and The Rest of
Creation**

An aerial photograph of a river winding through a lush, green forest. The river is a deep blue-green color, and the surrounding trees are a vibrant green. The river flows from the top right towards the bottom left of the frame.

CREATURELY KINSHIP

GEN 1:22,28; 2:7FF

& HUMAN AUTHORITY

GEN 1:28



**“The Lord God
took the man and
put him in the
Garden of Eden to
work it and take
care of it.”**

GENESIS 2:15



**Human authority:
service which
enables the
flourishing of those
under our authority**

**“... taking the
very nature of
a servant ...”**

PHIL 2:5-11





**Human authority:
sacrificial service
which enables the
flourishing of
those under our
authority**

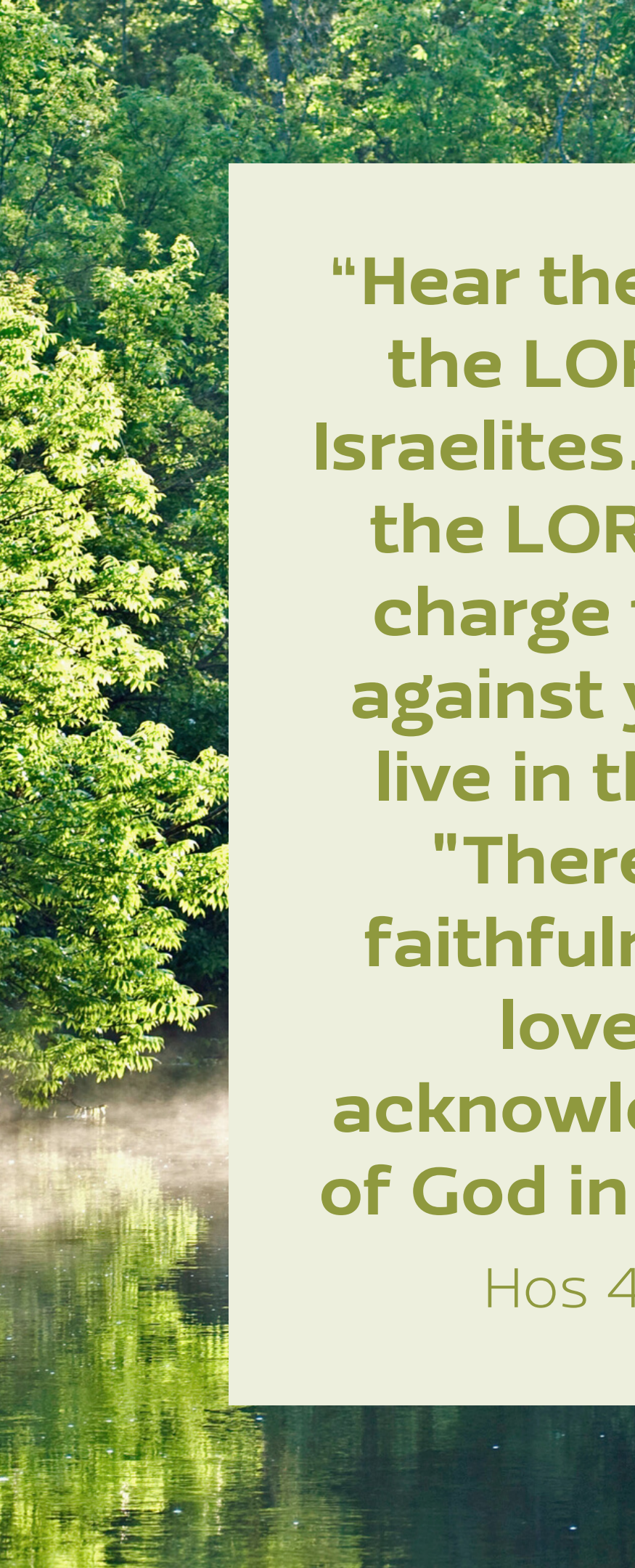
**SHALOM:
WORSHIP GOD
LOVE PEOPLE
CARE FOR CREATION**





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A scenic view of a forest with a river and mist. The image shows a dense forest of green trees on the left side, with a river in the foreground. A thin layer of mist or fog is visible near the water's surface, creating a serene atmosphere. The background is a soft, hazy green, suggesting a continuation of the forest.

**“Hear the word of
the LORD, you
Israelites, because
the LORD has a
charge to bring
against you who
live in the land:
“There is no
faithfulness, no
love, no
acknowledgment
of God in the land.**

Hos 4:1–3

There is only cursing, lying
and murder, stealing and
adultery; they break all
bounds, and bloodshed
follows bloodshed.

Because of this the land
mourns, and all who live in
it waste away; the beasts of
the field and the birds of
the air and the fish of the
sea are dying.



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Colossians 1:15-20**

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**Christian mission
and kingdom work:
Cultivating Shalom
Worship God
Love People
Care for Creation
Go and see –
direct engagement**

Genesis 2:16, 19

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**“WE CARE FOR ONLY
WHAT WE LOVE. WE
LOVE ONLY WHAT WE
KNOW. WE TRULY
KNOW ONLY WHAT
WE EXPERIENCE.”**

STEVEN BOUMA-PREDIGER





“... the rural poor depend directly on the natural resource base. This is where their pharmacy is, this is where the local super-market is, this is where the [hardware] store is, this is in fact their fuel station, their power company, their water company. What would happen to you if these things were removed from your local neighbourhood?”

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