

Advent Quiet Day, 2021

# Session 3: All Creation eagerly waits

CREATION GROANS

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## Romans 8 (J.B Phillips)

### -vv 18-21

In my opinion, whatever we may have to go through now is less than nothing compared with the magnificent future God has planned for us. The whole creation is on tiptoe to see the wonderful sight of the children of God coming into their own. The world of creation cannot as yet see reality, not because it chooses to be blind, but because in God's purpose it has been so limited - yet it has been given hope. And the hope is that in the end the whole of created life will be rescued from the tyranny of change and decay, and have its share in that magnificent liberty which can only belong to the children of God!

### -vv 22-25

It is plain to anyone with eyes to see that at the present time all created life groans in a sort of universal travail ... in our moments of impatience, let us remember that hope always means waiting for something that we haven't yet got. But if we hope for something we cannot see, then we must settle down to wait for it in patience.



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In labour, all creation groans 'til fear and hatred cease,  
'Til human hearts come to believe in Christ alone is peace.

In labour, all creation groans 'til prejudice shall cease,  
'Til every race and tribe and tongue in Christ will live in peace.  
Be our peace, Christ, our peace.

In labour, all creation groans 'til rape and murder cease,  
'Til women walk by night unharmed and Christ is this world's peace.  
Be our peace, Christ, our peace

In labour, all creation groans 'til false divisions cease,  
'Til enemies are reconciled and Christ alone their peace.  
Be our peace, Christ' our peace

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‘The whole creation is on tiptoe ...’

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Consider:

- what comes to mind as you reflect on creation standing on tiptoe and creation groaning?
- where might you fit into this?
- what are you waiting for?
- how are you waiting?

Talk to God about what comes to mind, as you would talk to a friend.

