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“Why did God have to make mosquitoes anyhow?” Jason wondered.

“Well,” Dad said, **“mosquitoes might be a nuisance to you, but they are very important to dragonflies.”**

“And to purple martins,” Mom said, smiling.

“And there are certain kinds of fish who eat mosquito larvae,” Dad added.

“I didn’t realize that!” Nancy said.

“Remember what God said after he created the earth?” dad asked.

“Sure”, said Jason. **“We learned on Sunday, that after God finished making everything, he looked it all over and said that it was very good.”**

“Right” agreed dad. **“Everything God made has a reason or a purpose. But the reason or the purpose has been affected by man’s sin. That is why some things in creation are now harmful or irritating. Someday in the future, God has promised to take away all sin and the curse that came with sin. When that happens all creation will no longer be harmful or irritating, including mosquitoes.”**

Nancy exclaimed **“I can’t wait for that day!”**

“Look! I am creating new heavens and a new earth, and no one will even think about the old ones anymore.” Isaiah 65:17

Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later. For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. Against its will, all creation was subjected to God’s curse. But with eager hope, the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God’s children in glorious freedom from death and decay. For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Romans 8:18-22

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