



“Behold, It Was Very Good”

Genesis 1:3-2:3

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Questions for Application and Fellowship

MY STORY

1. What aspects of the natural world do you find most amazing, astonishing, awe-inspiring and/or revitalizing?

QUICK REVIEW

Genesis is the book of origins. In it, God reveals the beginning of the universe, the earth, all life, the human race, man & woman, and marriage. All these things were created by God and appraised as very good. Genesis also reveals the beginning of God’s plan of redemption following the entrance of sin. The seven days of Genesis 1:1-2:3 present a world created in the goodness of God. In them we observe His mighty power and divine nature.

Read Genesis 1:1-2:3

Was any point in this weekend’s message or portion of Scripture particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Romans 1:18-20. In what ways do you see the knowledge of God as creator being denied in the world today? How has your own fallen nature desired to resist the glory and authority of God as creator?
2. Following Genesis 1, expressions of praise to God are multiplied through the Bible for His work of creation. Read Nehemiah 9:5-6, Psalm 104:24-25, and Revelation 4:10-11. What specifically do these passages praise God for? How can you join the chorus of praise?
3. Even living in a world touched by the curse, there is so much to be considered “good.” Read I Timothy 4:1-5. What is declared to be good? How was false teaching seeking to deprive people in that context? How might these false notions continue in other ways?
4. Read Colossians 2:16-17. A Sabbath Day was commanded in the Jewish law. How does this passage refer to that Sabbath? What was the substance it was pointing to all along?
5. On the seventh day, God rested from all His work. Even though the Sabbath Day command has been fulfilled in Christ, a day of rest provides a pattern for those made in God’s image. Do you take a weekly Sabbath from work and striving? How do you go about resting and taking enjoyment in what God has made and provided?