

## God's Good Creation | Genesis 1

### Intro:

- Last week, was the first cause.
  - o So many reasons and argument for the existence of God
  - o Big Bang – God said let there be light, and Bang there was light.
- This week we are looking at the first week, we will see an overview of God's good creation.
- I want us to see three main insights into God's good creation.
- Read
- Pray

### Planned

- God is not a God of chaos or disorder.
- This chapter shows us just how planned God's creation is.
- Layout of the 6 days
- **Literary Framework** – Creates the space
  - o Day 1 – Light & Day 4 -Sun, Moon, Stars
  - o Day 2 – Sea & Air & Day 5- Fish, Birds
  - o Day 3 – Land & Plants & Day 6 Animals and Man
- Garden before placing the man and women in there.
- God knows what he is doing way before he does it.

- Illustration: God is always doing 10,000 things in your life and you may be aware of three of them. – John Piper
- God did not create you on accident. He has a plan for you.
- Are you walking in it?
  - o If your life is one of chaos and disorder, there is a good chance God is not a part of your life.
- Job 42:2 – I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.
  - o For anyone to think that his life was not planned, it is Job, yet Job knows this truth about God.
- Rest in the fact, that even if you haven't not connected all the dots, there is plan you are created for.

## Perfect

- The end of each day, starting in Day 3 there is this phrase
  - **“God saw that it was good”**
  - Man - Very Good
- God makes good things, everything is good, they are perfect.
- They have a perfect place, man lives in perfect **harmony with God**
- **Illustration: Fine Tuning – The earth has to have so many perfect pieces for it to sustain life.**
  - Finding a watch in the woods -someone did that with great detail.
- **Illustration: Allen going hunting.**
  - Do you think all this has come about by chance?
  - It is too perfect.
- Even in the fall, we get to enjoy God’s good creation.
  - God never says it is bad even with sin in the creation.
- Creation itself is good, but it has been purposed toward evil and rebellion by mankind.

## Purposed

- All of God’s creation is planned and has a purpose, but I want to zoom into verses 27-31
- We see some specific purposes of mankind.
- **Illustration: Lion King – Remember Who You Are.**
  - We need to remember who we are made to be.
  - What was God’s purpose in making us.
- **Display**
  - We are made in the image of God.
  - During ANE times, many things were created in the image of rulers or kings to display ownership and dominion.
  - As men and women, we are to display the image of God as well, as examples of his rule in our lives.
  - Can someone look at our lives, and see that God is our king?
- **Dominion**
  - How do we exercise dominion? By Multiplying v. 28
    - As Adam and eve had children, they too would image God perfectly and care for his creation according to his design.
      - We know this does not come to fruition, but it is the plan.
  - This dominion was not a tyrannical power over creation, more like a stewardship.

- God had created this good, planned, and perfect creation and calls humanity to care for it with him.
- How are you exercising dominion?

### - **Delight**

- 29-31 shows how God has **provided all their needs**.
- They are called to **enjoy God's creation** and delight in him.
- Then he ultimately offers them rest and delight in him.
- What do you find delight in?

**Without Christ, we cannot display**, have dominion, or delight in God in the way we are designed to.

- In Christ, he **makes us a new creation** and gives us new desires and affections, so we can display the love and character of God
- In Christ, he **gives us the ministry of reconciliation** that we make multiply followers of and worshipers of God, to have dominion over where they live and work
- In Christ, we **find what our soul has been looking for**. We find a garden with all our needs met, just like Adam and Eve do.

### **Closing**

- A lot more that can be said, but I hope we see God's good creation is planned, perfect, and purposed
- In it we are reminded of why we are here and what we are to do on the earth.
  - Display a truthful image of God
  - Spread his dominion through making disciples
  - Delight in our father, creator and sustainer.

### **Invitation**

- I'm going to pray and head back to the next steps area.
  - During the song if you need to ask questions, need prayer, or want to seek a next step for membership
  - Me and the other elders will be in the back area.

Pray

Lets stand and sing

Go to the back!