

Series: JD Notes

Sermon: The Doctrine of What?

Gen 2:2-9; 15-17; Col 3:23

On the seventh day God had finished his work of creation, so he rested from all his work. And God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, because it was the day when he rested from all his work of creation.

This is the account of the creation of the heavens and the earth.

When the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, neither wild plants nor grains were growing on the earth. For the Lord God had not yet sent rain to water the earth, and there were no people to cultivate the soil. Instead, springs came up from the ground and watered all the land. Then the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man's nostrils, and the man became a living person.

Then the Lord God planted a garden in Eden in the east, and there he placed the man he had made. The Lord God made all sorts of trees grow up from the ground—trees that were beautiful and that produced delicious fruit. In the middle of the garden, he placed the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it. But the Lord God warned him, "You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden— except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die."

Col 3:23 Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

Bible is one story of God's creation ruined, redeemed, and how it will be restored.

.....but from the beginning it was not so.

Doctrines found in Genesis 1-4:

-Doctrine of Creation (that God did create all that is)

-Doctrine of 'Imago Dei' – Man alone has been created in the image of God!

a. You are valuable to God, You are made in His image!

b. Everyone is valuable to God; made in His image, treat with love/respect.

-Doctrine of Marriage

-Doctrine of WORK!

WHAT?

About 1/3 of your life will be spent at work (or trying to avoid it); that translates to about 90,000 hours spent doing some type of work.

1) God (in our text) gives dignity to all levels and forms of honest work!

2) God give DIRECTIVE regarding work.

Genesis 2:15 The LORD God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it.

In placing man to tend the garden we see that work is rearranging things in a particular domain to bring about a better, common good for all!

3) DIFFICULTY in WORK

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4) GOD HAS A DESTINY in WORK

Hebrews 4:9 There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; 10 for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his.