

Days and Waste

INTRODUCTION

This is blessing and gift. God allows us to do SOMETHING with His creation...as we are PART of that creation. What God makes, He made for His glory and our joy. It is meant to be a benefit to you and I and today God has blessed us and we in turn respond by blessing Him back.

DISCUSSION

How do you think man can bless God?

EXPLANATION

What does it say about God's hope for creation that He blesses it so it can create more?

What is the difference between “good” and “perfect?”

Do you like the idea of “good” or “perfect” better?

APPLICATION

Read 2 Corinthians 5:18-21

What kind of world is our culture making today?

Are your energies adding to the chaos or bringing about order?

What are you showing God is like based upon the type of ambassador you are?

MISSION

How can you live to bring greater glory to God by restoring broken relationships?

In what way does proper stewarding of God's earth lift up His name?

Week 3

FAMILY & GROUP DISCUSSION



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Dueteronomy 4:32

Hebrews 11:3

Genesis 1

Jeremiah 4:23-27

Deuteronomy 32:9-10

Romans 6:23

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NOTES & SCRIPTURE

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Deuteronomy 4:32 For ask now of the days that are past, which were before you, since the day that God created man on the earth, and ask from one end of heaven to the other, whether such a great thing as this has ever happened or was ever heard of.

There are two main forms of background material in the study of Genesis:

- (1) the historical background or context within which the book was written
- (2) the historical background or context of the events recorded in the book.

In the first we have in mind a specific time and place in which the book was composed. We look for the occasion of the writing of the book, who wrote it, and for whom it was written. In the second we must look over a wide-ranging array of settings for the events of the book itself, taking us from the Garden of Eden to the Flood, to the building of the city of Babylon, to the land of the patriarchs, and, finally, to the land of Egypt.

There are also two types of events in regard to the world in Genesis.

- (1) events that happened on a global or even cosmic scale: the Creation, and the Flood.
- (2) events that happened only in a very isolated, localized way: Noah's drunkenness, and Abraham's vision.

By far the great majority of events in Genesis happened within a limited sphere of time and location. There is debate on the area of creation Genesis 1 covers. Some say it was a small area, others say it was worldwide.

Formless and Void are words that are continued in use throughout the scriptures. As God brings wastelands into usable areas, so His people are to partner with Him in creating a culture and life that honor Him and creation.

Part of God's intent in creating people was for them to continue the work of creating the world, moving it away from chaos and wild and waste and formlessness toward order and harmony and good. As human beings, we take part through our actions in the ongoing creation of the world. Either we're acting in ways that move the world away from the barrenness or we're contributing to the chaos and lack of order.

God empowers creation to make more and in doing so it explodes it with potential. It is going to grow and change and move and not be the same today as it was yesterday, and tomorrow it will grow and move another day forward. Creation is loaded with potential and possibility and promise.

The garden of Eden is not perfect, nowhere in Genesis does it say it is perfect. The word the Bible uses is good. There is a difference. When we say "perfect", what we generally mean is "static" or fixed" or "unchanging;" It has reached a state in which there is going to be no more change. But this is not what Genesis says about the garden of Eden. Good means changing and growing and advancing and producing new things.

Next week, when you see God place people in the midst of this dynamic, changing, alive, vibrant environment, they get charged with the divine responsibility of doing something with it: **creating, arranging, ordering, caring for, and doing Something with it.**

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SANCTIFICATION = God saved us and now He is working on our character, rooting out sin, and growing us to be more like Jesus.

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March 18th

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