



THE BEGINNING
THE BEGINNING OF WORK & REST
GENESIS 2:1-17

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1. See _____
(vv. 4-17)

Genesis 2:1-17 (ESV)

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2 And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. 3 So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

4 These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

2. Work _____
(vv. 4-17)

5 When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, 6 and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— 7 then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

8 And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. 9 And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

10 A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. 11 The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. 12 And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. 13 The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. 14 And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

3. Trust _____
(vv. 1-3)

15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. How should viewing work as a part of God's "very good" pre-Fall creation change your attitude toward your responsibilities this week?
2. Read Proverbs 22:29. How should this text and what we have studied in Genesis motivate you to be skilled and excellent in your work? What are some ways you can pursue excellence this week?
3. In what ways might you be tempted to make work about yourself or go outside of the rules/provision God has given you for your work? What does repentance from these ways of thinking look like?
4. Read Psalm 127:1-2. What are some of the ungodly thoughts we think that can cause us to neglect proper rest and instead pursue "anxious toil"? What biblical thoughts can replace these unbiblical ones?
5. Read Hebrews 4:8-11. What does it look like for you to "strive to enter that rest" and to encourage others to do the same?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Bridges, Jerry. *Trusting God*. NavPress, 1988.
Fabarez, Mike. *Raising Men, Not Boys*. Moody Publishers, 2017.
Grudem, Wayne. *Systematic Theology*. Zondervan, 2000.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that we would work in a way that reflects God's glory.
Pray that we would rest in a way that reflects the sovereignty of God and the goodness of the gospel.
Pray specifically for good weather in Uganda as John Sanborn works to help SOS Ministries prepare important construction projects.
Pray that 2023 is the most faithful and fruitful year of evangelism in your life.
Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
9/25	Psalms 103-104	1 Thessalonians 4
9/26	Psalms 105-106	1 Thessalonians 5
9/27	Psalms 107-108	2 Thessalonians 1
9/28	Psalms 109-112	2 Thessalonians 2
9/29	Psalms 113-115	2 Thessalonians 3
9/30	Psalms 116-118	1 Timothy 1