

Sermon Study Guide – September 6th, 2020

Today's Focus: "Work is Good"

1) Introductory thoughts on today's message...

- ◆ Today as we “return to Eden”, we will see that work was a part of God's perfect creation, and that he intended it to be good...
- ◆ Do you find that the work in your life is “good”? Would you choose not to work if you could help it? Do you long for the days of retirement? If “yes”, why is that so?

2) Today's Message: Genesis 2:4-5

⁴ This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens. ⁵ Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, ⁶ but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. ⁷ Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. ⁸ Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. ⁹ The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. ¹⁰ A river watering the garden flowed from Eden; from there it was separated into four headwaters. ¹¹ The name of the first is the Pishon; it winds through the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹² (The gold of that land is good; aromatic resin and onyx are also there.) ¹³ The name of the second river is the Gihon; it winds through the entire land of Cush. ¹⁴ The name of the third river is the Tigris; it runs along the east side of Ashur. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. ¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

3) What does God want you to know today?

Throughout the sermon, consider...

How does today's sermon show you your sin? (i.e. What's the law?)

How does today's sermon show your Savior? (i.e. What's the gospel?)

Law:

Gospel:

Answer the following questions to help you follow the sermon...

1. *As we work through our sermon text...*

⇒ What is unique about the way God “formed” human beings?

⇒ How did God mean for work to be a part of his perfection creation?

2. *As you listen to the remainder of the sermon...*

⇒ When we are discontent with our work, what does it remind us about the state of our world?

⇒ How did Jesus “work” during his life?

⇒ Why does changing our perspective from work to what God wants to accomplish *through* work help us to work hard?

⇒ What blessings does work still provide, even in a fallen world?

4) Taking it Home:

Read these sections of the Bible to reinforce this week's truths:

Monday: review Lk. 16:1-13, 2 Thess. 3:6-15

Thursday: Proverbs 12

Tuesday: review Psalms 127-128

Friday: Proverbs 13

Wednesday: Proverbs 6:1-19

Saturday: read/*review* Genesis 2