

Message Notes



“In God’s Hands”

Part two of the series: “More: In the Hands of a Generous God”

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Creation reveals God’s goodness and generosity.

“So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸God **blessed** them and said to them, ‘**Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over** the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.’ ²⁹Then God said, ‘**I give you** every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.’ And it was so. ³¹**God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.** And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.” (Genesis 1:27-31)

“Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. ⁹The 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... ¹⁵The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.” (Genesis 2:8-9, 15)

Due to sin, we don’t always experience God’s goodness; instead we experience sin’s consequences.

“When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.” (Genesis 3:6-7)

(Turn over for continuation...)

We can experience God's goodness as we abide in Christ.

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."
(John 3:16-17)*

"Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me." (John 15:4)

God promises to ultimately restore all creation when Christ returns.

"Then I saw 'a new heaven and a new earth,' for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ²I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death" or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'" (Revelation 21:1-4)

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