**“ALL” HE HAD MADE**

[***Genesis 1:31***](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+1:31&version=NIV)

*God saw****all****that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.*

In Genesis, God tells us how the earth was created, all the animals, fish, land and sea, night and day. On this sixth day, He would also create man and woman. God saw all that He had made and it was good. It was good! Do you know you are good? Do you know that He made you to be good? To do good? To live good? But what does that mean?

Webster’s Dictionary defines “good” as: to be desired or approved of; having the qualities for a particular role, morally right; righteousness.

1. To be desired or approved of: our goodness comes from our Lord and Savior through our relationship with Him; we are good because He is good. We are desired because He desires to have a relationship with us, He pursues us.

2. Having the qualities for a particular role: God made us good so that means your identity is in Him, not your stuff, your achievements, your possessions or what others say about you. God created you for a particular role, to have a relationship that glorifies Him and out of that relationship--a relationship with others.

3. Morally right: Good is the opposite of bad. God created us to be good, to choose what is right based on His word. To live a life in truth and honesty with integrity. To make choices that bring glory to God and create fruit. To make choices that build others up versus tearing them down.

4. Righteousness: God is a righteous God and being good in Him is righteousness. Being righteous is not having your own way, being prideful or holding your “Christianity” over someone, but instead, in love, it is directing others towards Christ, sharing the truth of who Jesus is, His life and what our lives should be as a result. The only way to God is through Jesus--the right way and the right life!

So God said He made it ALL and it was all good. How does this change things today? What is God telling you right now?

“ALL” THE WORK

*Genesis 2:3*

*Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on that day, He rested from all the work of creating that He had done.*

In Genesis, after God had created everything including man and woman, He would choose to rest. Why would God need to rest? He’s God!

Webster’s Dictionary defines “rest” as: *to cease work or movement in order to relax, refresh oneself, or recover strength.*

1. God rested to show us that we need time set apart to rest, to renew and refresh. Resting is needed in order to be ready for what God wants us to do in this life. Unlike God, our bodies have limits. If we don’t stop, slow down, rest, sleep, etc. then what we can accomplish in this world is limited.

2. God rested to show us the need to spend specific time with Him, away from the various distractions of life. Yes, we should spend time with God each day, praying without ceasing, in fellowship with Him but in this verse God is reminding us that He made this day--this seventh day--holy. Holy, unlike the other six days, holy, in that it’s special and set apart for divine fellowship with the Creator. Set apart so that we are reminded of how much He wants to spend time with us—a whole day!

When we spend time with God, we get His direction, we grow stronger in our walk and relationship with Him, we get to reflect on all that He has done and is doing, we get to tell Him our fears, concerns and needs. We also get to hear what He wants from us.  We get His peace to keep doing what we are doing.

3. God blessed the seventh day. God blesses it to show how much He values this down time, this day of focus, this day where we will be nourished and grow fruit.

What distractions, what work are you needing to take a break from so that you can rest, truly rest?

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“ALL” THE PEOPLE

*Genesis 6:12-13*

*God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. So God said to Noah, “I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth.”*

In Genesis, God saw how horribly things had gone wrong among the people. The story behind these verses is the story of Cain and Abel and how Cain killed his brother. This sin of jealousy, of murder, of betrayal to his parents, Adam and Eve, would just be the start of the curse that would be passed down through several generations.

God would give Adam and Eve another son, Seth, and out of Seth’s lineage would come Noah, a righteous man who served the Lord. God would tell Noah that He was going to put an end to ALL people and not only the people but also to the earth due to the violence of that time!

1. How could God create an earth--a people--that would be so corrupt? Well, because He gave man and woman free will. God will not force us to be good. He will not force us to spend time with Him, to have fellowship with or believe in Him. Would you want to force someone to be your friend, to date you, to marry you? This illustration shows that without fellowship with the Lord-- on our own--we can quickly become wicked!

2. God would destroy not only the people but also the earth. Wow, why did the planet need to also suffer? What was God doing by destroying it? Perhaps a new start, a freshness, a renewal? Perhaps a death in one way brings life in another—Christ. Yes, our own death of the flesh, our old ways and renewal in Christ is what had to be done.  For Noah, it just wasn’t death of the body but it was death of the old nature, the old way of life, the old way of doing things. God started over. He does this with us too.

3. Even though God was disgusted with man and what he had done, He still had compassion on those who were following Him. He saved Noah and his family. Noah trusted God enough to build the massive ark--the ark that not only saved his family but also two of every kind of creature!

Is there sin in your life that is keeping you from God? From a relationship with Him? Is there sin that is taking you down the path of Cain? Turn from your sin right now, ask God for forgiveness, to be filled with His Spirit and to move forward. You never know what He might be asking you to build!

How does this change things today? What is God telling you right now?