

The Goodness of Creation
Genesis 1:6-23, Pew Bible p. 1
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I. The Pattern of God's Creative Process

- A. God speaks.
- B. God works.
- C. God blesses.

II. The Goodness of God's Creative Process

- A. God's creation was good because He said so.
- B. God's creation was good because it was diverse.
- C. God's creation was good because it was complete.
- D. God's creation was good because it was obedient.

Discussion Questions

1. Read Genesis 1:6-23
2. What role does the Word of God play in the creation of the world?
 - a. What does that tell you about how important the Word of God are today?
3. What does God do after He says something?
 - a. Have you ever felt like God told you something in His Word and then acted it out in your life? How?
4. Why do you think God spends so much time separating one thing into different things so many times (ex. Water, plants, light, animals)?
 - a. What would our world look like if God did not create variety in the things He has made?
 - b. In what ways do people consider diversity as part of beauty today?
5. How much of what God makes in Genesis 1 seems to be in opposition to Him?
 - a. What does this tell us about what opposition to God does to our natural beauty and goodness?
6. What does this passage tell us about the power of God over all other powers?
 - a. How should the Bible's creation account protect the reader from idolatry?
 - b. What are some things about the creation account of Genesis that stand out to you this time reading it?
7. Pray for our church to trust God's purpose for creation and the created order. Come to the church prayer meeting this Wednesday from 6:00-6:30 pm in the Worship Center lobby.



John 4:21-24 (ESV)

²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting:

- Praying for Rezwana and the ladies at the Arise Women's Conference.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain; Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona; Nathan & Becky F. with MAF; Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand; Jules S. in Thailand; and Sylvia M. and Andrew M. at ASU West, Glendale, Arizona.
- PRAY for all our students: elementary school, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an online setting, or a home school setting, our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- PRAY for family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus:
Sharon L. (children & grandchildren); Marge D. (son, Matthew); Rezwana D. (parents); Margaret J. (Tom & Bob); Gary & Betty B. (grandchildren & siblings); Sophia W. (husband); Charity M. (daughter); Kayla P. (nephew, Jordan); Michelle LaM. (son); and Debbie B. (son-in-law).
- PRAY for families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Del M. (wife), Bonnie V. (husband), Mel A. (wife), Gary C. (wife), Darlene R. (husband), Woody S. (wife), Elizabeth K. (mother), Wendell W. (wife), Bias/Patterson (nephew)
- PRAY for those struggling with ongoing health and other issues:
Marjorie R. (back pain), Betty W. (recovering from car accident), Gaylon and Judy K. (health issues), Dawn C. (surgery recovery), Isaac S. (surgery recovery), Darlene R. (surgery recovery), Jack S. (surgery recovery)
- PRAY for others that you are aware of.