



October 15, 2023

Pastor Note:

God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good.

Genesis 1:31 (NASB)

And the end of the week of creation God does one last inspection of the farthest corners of the universe, the setup of our solar system, the deep wells of the oceans, the beaches where land meets sea, the breathtaking wonders dispersed throughout the globe, the forests, grasslands, mountains and deserts, life in all its forms and variety, and the crowning glory of it all, man and women created in His image. Every last inch, all the natural laws and cycles, the entirety of His creative work receives His full approval, and is declared “very good.”

You ever check the ratings before you order something on Amazon? What’s your approval rating threshold? For how much less than five stars are you willing to settle? As for me, the one-star reviews have to be very low, and the four and five-stars have to get me close to ninety percent. Even then I am not completely confident of the reviews, I’ve had to send too many items back. A true “very good” is hard to come by.

All of the universe, all of God’s creation, testifies to God's greatness, power, wisdom, and self-existence. But when God wraps up His creation week we get an ethical statement, an assessment of God’s work ethic, a “very good” testifying to His excellent work, to a standard God held Himself to. No “good enough for government work” here. No “they’re not paying me enough to work this hard. No, “that will do.” All that God had made was made according to His exacting and good standards, according to what He considers “very good.”

It is a very good thing that God has standards, that He is a morally good God, and that He acts out of His inherent goodness and excellence. It shouldn’t surprise us that God’s creation

accounts the Bible is God’s written word) immediately establish both a work and sexual ethic. Both are necessary for us to carry out God’s assignments to us who are created in His image, **“God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.**

God blessed them; and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth. Then God said, ‘Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you; and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that moves on the earth which has life, I have given every green plant for food’; and it was so” Genesis 1:26-30 (NASB). Rule and multiply, the exercise of authority and reproduction (which involves sex), the building of community, and being a bearer of God’s image. God designed and designated us for these, but in order to do them well, “very good,” we must follow God’s standards, embrace His ethics.

That’s the rub isn’t it, we like to establish our own ethics, be free to call our own shots when it comes to morality (see Genesis 3), but invariably we end up with less than “very good.” We are unique in all of God’s creation, however, we are still part of His creation, and the standards we will ultimately be judged by will not be our own but the ones God has always had from the very beginning. The way to “very good” is to embrace all of the very good God of all Creation.

To God be all glory. Love you, Pastor Hans



Lord Hear Our Prayers

Sermon Notes:

PRAYER REQUEST

Health: Mabel Mayes, Jane Boykins (peace of mind), Cherlyann (health), Judy Ingalls, Patricia (Health), Aunt Anita (Health), Elena Saucedo, And that we do "SHARE".

If you notice someone has been absent from Small Group or Worship Services for awhile, why not call them or stop by to let him/her know that they have been missed. A kindness that cost you nothing could mean everything to someone who is suffering in the silence of self-exile.

Military And Those Serving

Michael Berger, Austin Downing,
Noah Martin, John Michael Chavez,
Chris Kelly, Austin Kroeker, Brian Sula,
Thomas Hoffman, Joel Thelen,
Clayton Brown, Jonathan Grinols, Joshua Grabowski,
Christopher Sula

CARD & FLOWER MINISTRY

If you know of anyone who is ill or hospitalized, please let us know by calling: **Lynnette Barrera** – (559)400-1862 and Rachel Aratin - (209)206-5236
Prayer Request e-mail to: **Judy Mahar** ldpbepayer@gmail.com

Church Board Members:

Hans Frei - Pastor . Richard Mayes - Head Deacon
Russ Young . Dan Hankemeier . Sue Kluding .
Gabi Cox . Chuck Arndt

October Announcements

Ministry Opportunity

Our children's department is seeking help for our Wednesday night class to assist the teacher. No teaching or prep is required - just show up to help as needed.

For more information, contact Susie Frei

(phone: 209-247-9234) or skfrei@gmail.com).

Where are you uniquely wired to serve??

- Multimedia
 - Music
- Prayer Team
- Facility & Grounds
 - Youth
 - Kitchen
 - Food
- Missions

Let us know. There's a place for you

Upcoming Events

- Men's Gathering - Tuesdays @ 6:00 P.M.
 - Women's Morning Bible Study— Wed. @ 10:00 AM
 - Wednesday Night Bible Study for all ages - 7:00 P.M.
 - Food Ministry - 1st Wed. & 3rd Tues. @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 A.M.
 - Grief Share - Wed. @ 630 PM
 - Communion Sunday - October 22nd
- Deacon Board Meeting every 4th Sunday after service**

Fellowship Time Snacks were provided
By - "Hans"

Thank you

Next week Dan's Class is up!!

Don't forget to check out the sermon on our website:
ldpbaptistchurch.com for you and your whole family.
Maybe even a neighbor ;)

A Bit of
Humor
Corner



Giving

October 8, 2023

Offering:
\$1,663.00

Food:
\$10.00

Missions:
\$82.94

Attendance:
93

Weekly Events

Sunday School/Small Groups:

9:00 AM

Sunday Morning Worship Service:

10:30 AM

Sunday Evening Worship Service:

6:00 PM

Tuesday: Men's Gathering: 6:00 PM

1st Wednesday & 3rd Tuesday

Food Ministry:

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Wednesday:

Women's Bible Study - 10:00 AM
Bible Study/Small Group - 7:00 PM
Grief Share - 6:30 PM

Thursday: Chicken Foot - 1:00 PM

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1 Timothy 6:18



October 16th - October 22nd

DAY 1 - 1 Peter 4
(Prov. 16)

DAY 2 - 1 Peter 5
(Prov. 17)

DAY 3 - Col. 1
(Prov. 18)

DAY 4 - Col. 2
(Prov. 19)

DAY 5 - Col. 3
(Prov. 20)

DAY 6 - (Prov. 21)

DAY 7 - (Prov. 22)

Welcome all of you who are guests with us today. Our desire is for you to relax and be blessed by worship, God's Word, and fellowship. We, the members, have committed ourselves to underwrite the church financially. We do not expect you to contribute to the offering, but you are free to participate. We would like to get to know you and for you to know us better.