



## **Lesson One: The God Who Works, Part I**

### **Genesis 1-2**

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<sup>1:1</sup> In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

<sup>3</sup> And God said, “Let there be light, and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day....

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make man in Our image, after Our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created man in His own image,  
in the image of God He created him,  
male and female He created them.

<sup>28</sup> And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.... <sup>31</sup> And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day....

<sup>2:5</sup> When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, <sup>6</sup> and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground—<sup>7</sup> then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. <sup>8</sup> And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there He put the man whom He had formed. <sup>9</sup> And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.



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<sup>10</sup> A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers.  
<sup>11</sup> The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. <sup>12</sup> And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. <sup>13</sup> The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush.  
<sup>14</sup> And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

<sup>15</sup> The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

### Discussion Questions:

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1. What kind of work are we doing on a daily or weekly basis?
2. Which perspective best reflects our view of our work?  
“I’m cutting stone.” “I’m making a living.” “I’m building a cathedral.”
3. Why is it significant that God reveals Himself as a Worker (Gen 1 and 2)?
4. How should being made in the image of God impact the way we work (Gen 1:26-28)?
5. What has God called us to work and keep (Gen 2:15)?  
How’s it going in our different spheres of influence?
6. How have other people (parents, mentors, friends) shaped our vision of work?  
How has their influence been positive? How has it been negative?
7. How do we want to grow in integrating our faith and our work?

### Resources for further study:

- Dan Doriani, *Work: Its Purpose, Dignity, and Transformation*
- Tim Keller, *Every Good Endeavour: Connecting Your Work to God’s Work*
- [theologyofwork.org](http://theologyofwork.org)

### Upcoming Opportunities:

- Tuesday Morning Men’s Bible Study – June 10 through July 15, 7:00-8:00 am
- PCPC Men’s Night of Worship – Thursday, June 12, 6:30-7:30 pm, Chapel
- Men’s Solitude Saturday – June 28, 9:00-11:30 am, Grand Hall