



The Genesis of Work

Genesis 1:26 - 2:15

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One story:

- ❖ Paradise (Genesis 1-2)
- ❖ Paradise Lost (Genesis 3 – Revelation 20)
- ❖ Paradise Regained (Revelation 21-22)

Bible outline:

- ❖ Ancient history (Genesis – Esther)
- ❖ Ancient wisdom (Job – Ecclesiastes)
- ❖ Prophets (Isaiah – Malachi)
- ❖ Jesus (Matthew – John)
- ❖ Church (Acts – Revelation)

Genesis =

- ❖ Origin
- ❖ Source
- ❖ Generation
- ❖ Beginning

Genesis series 2016-2018

- ❖ Origins (1-11) – Spring, 2016
- ❖ Abraham (11-25) – Fall, 2016
- ❖ Isaac (24-28) – Spring, 2017
- ❖ Jacob (27-38) – Fall, 2017
- ❖ Joseph (37-50) – Spring, 2018

Genesis 1-11

- ❖ Creation (1)
- ❖ Creation (2)
- ❖ Fall (3)
- ❖ Cain and Abel (4)
- ❖ Genealogy (5)
- ❖ Flood (6-9)
- ❖ Genealogy (10)
- ❖ Tower of Babel (11)

Genesis 1 application:

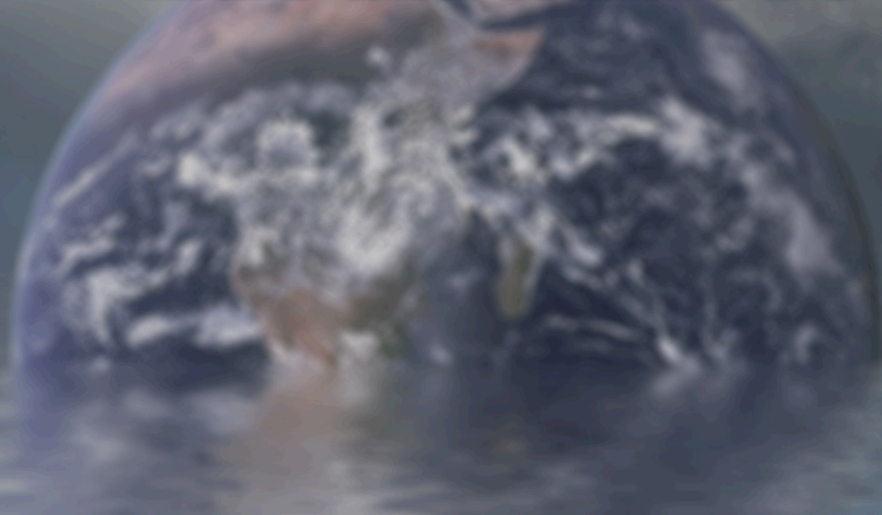
- ❖ God created.
- ❖ His creation is good.
- ❖ His creation reflects his glory.
- ❖ Jesus reconciles us to God.
- ❖ We are to reflect his glory.

Genesis 1:26

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

Genesis 1:27

So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.



Genesis 1:28

God 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.”

God's Instructions to humanity:

- ❖ Be fruitful
- ❖ Increase
- ❖ Fill the earth
- ❖ Subdue it
- ❖ Rule

Genesis 1:29

Then 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.

Genesis 1:30

“And 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.

Genesis 1:31

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



Genesis 2:1

**Thus the heavens and the earth were
completed in all their vast array.**



Genesis 2:2-3

By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

Exodus 20:8-10

“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God.

Exodus 20:10

“On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns.

Exodus 20:11

“For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.”

Exodus 20:8-10

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Two commands:

- ❖ Remember the Sabbath ...
- ❖ Six days you shall labor ...



Genesis 2:4

This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.



Structure of Genesis

- ❖ Introduction (1:1)
- ❖ Heaven and earth (2:4)
- ❖ Adam (5:1)
- ❖ Noah (6:9)
- ❖ Sons of Noah (10:1)
- ❖ Shem (11:10)
- ❖ Terah (11:27)
- ❖ Ishmael (25:12)
- ❖ Isaac (25:19)
- ❖ Esau (36:1)
- ❖ Jacob (37:2)

Genesis 2:5-6

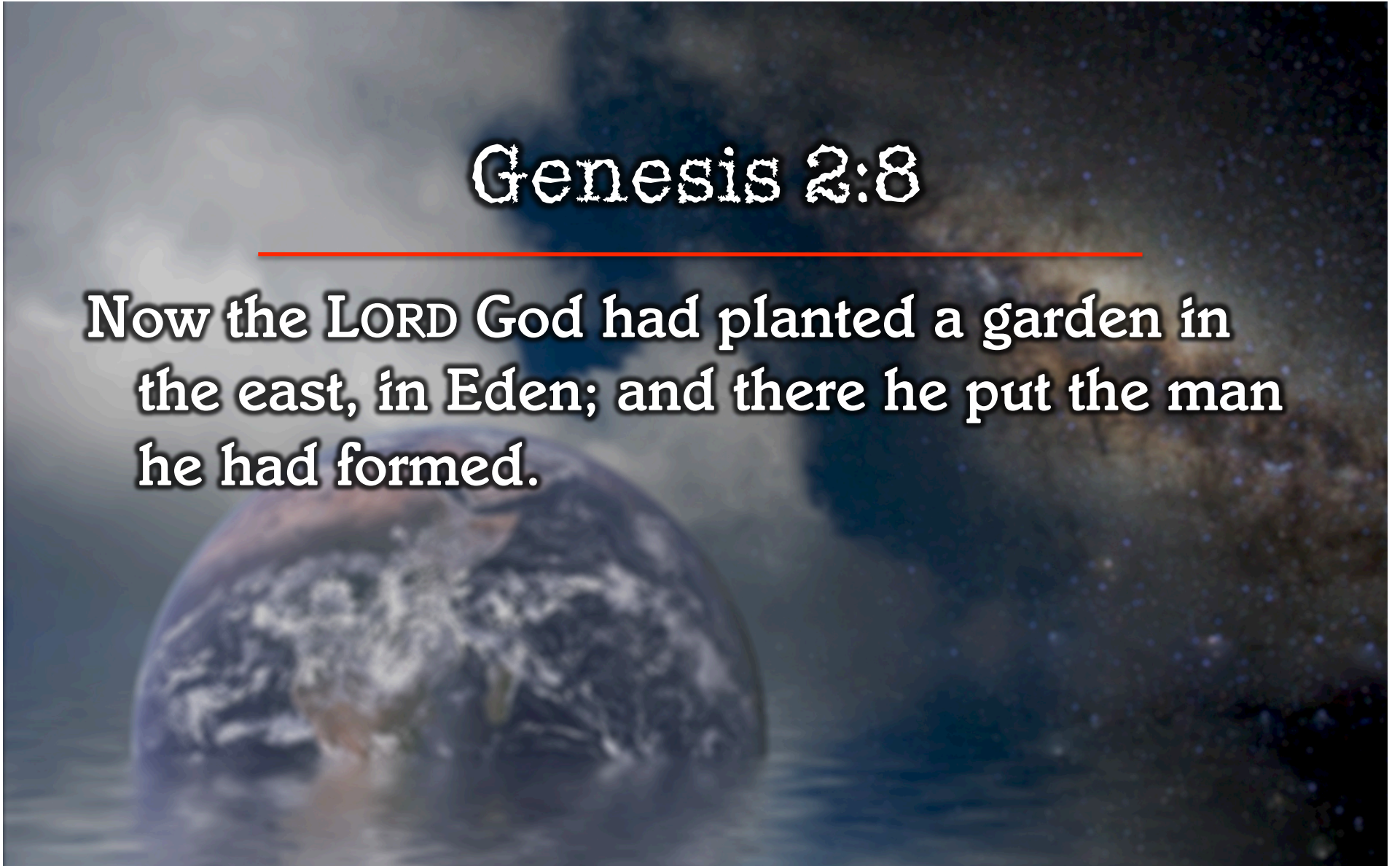
Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground.

Genesis 2:7

Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

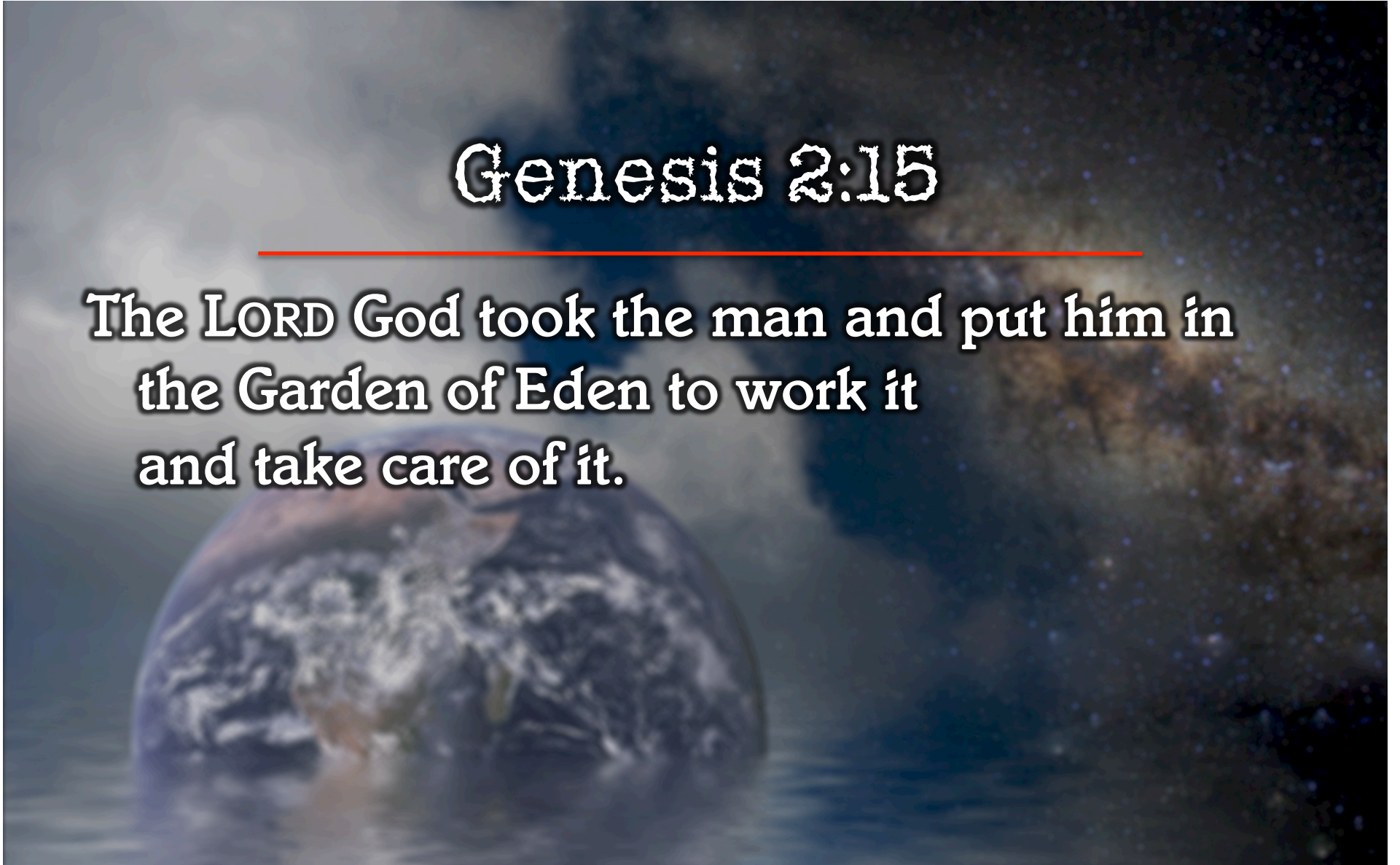
Genesis 2:8

Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed.



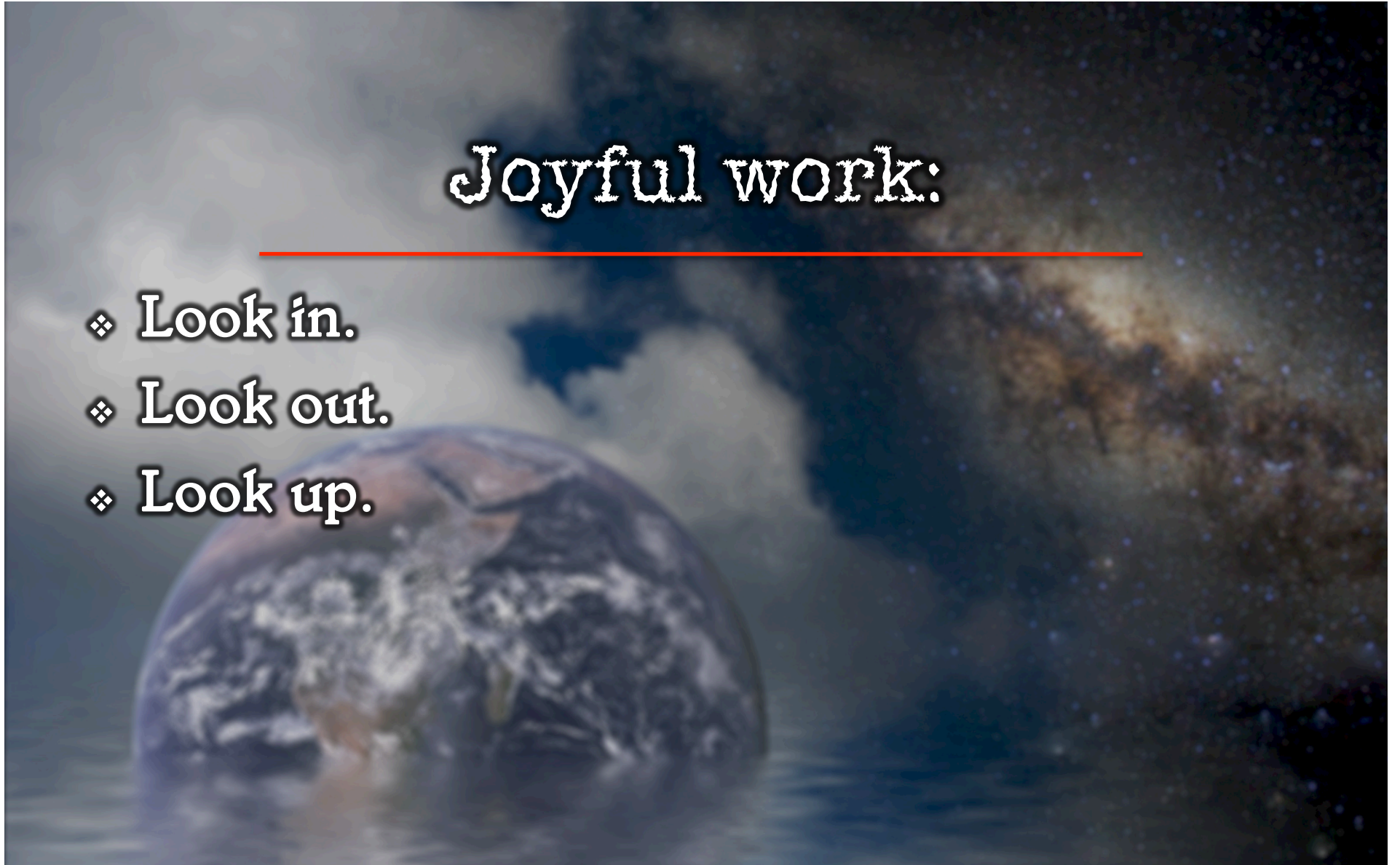
Genesis 2:15

The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.



Joyful work:

- ❖ Look in.
- ❖ Look out.
- ❖ Look up.



Psalm 95:7-9

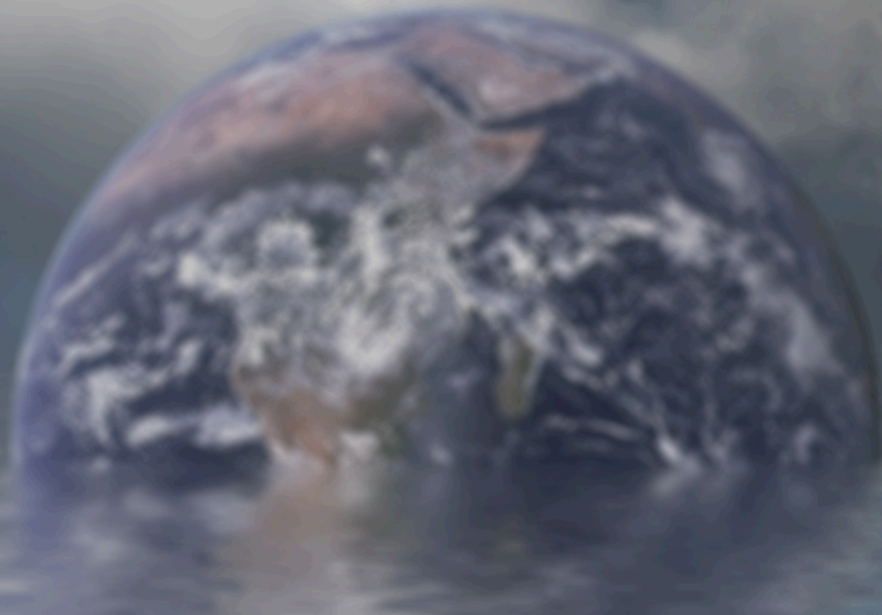
Today, if only you would hear his voice,
“Do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah,
as you did that day at Massah in the wilderness,
where your ancestors tested me;
they tried me, though they had seen what I did.

Psalm 95:10-11

“For forty years I was angry with that generation;
I said, ‘They are a people whose hearts go astray,
and they have not known my ways.’
So I declared on oath in my anger,
‘They shall never enter my rest.’”

Psalm 3:4

I call out to the LORD,
and he answers me from his holy mountain.



Psalm 3:5-6

I lie down and sleep;

I wake again, because the LORD sustains me.

I will not fear though tens of thousands
assail me on every side.

Hebrews 4:6

Therefore since it still remains for some to enter that rest, and since those who formerly had the good news proclaimed to them did not go in because of their disobedience,

Hebrews 4:7

God again set a certain day, calling it
“Today.” This he did when a long time later
he spoke through David, as in the passage
already quoted:

“Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts.”

Hebrews 4:9-11

There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his. Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience.

What have we learned?

- ❖ Work is not bad.
- ❖ Work is not everything.
- ❖ Work is a gift from God.
- ❖ Work is an opportunity to worship God.
- ❖ We need rest.
- ❖ Jesus gives us ultimate rest.

Matthew 11:28-30

[Jesus]: “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”



Are you being called?

- ❖ To receive Christ
- ❖ To become a member of Melbourne Community Church
- ❖ To pray / to receive prayer
- ❖ To affirm or reaffirm a commitment
- ❖ To receive the LORD's Supper