

True Rest

Genesis 1:28-2:3

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Introduction: rest for the unwearied—what can it mean for God to rest?

1. Imaging God in His plan for us
 - a. "Be fruitful and multiply" is more than having babies. The "dominion mandate" and the "Great Commission."
 - b. "Fill the earth and subdue it"—working against Tohu and Bohu. A culture of life and order. We have lots of work to do!
2. Imaging God in dependence upon His provision
 - a. He provides for us
 - b. He provides for those over whom we have dominion
 - c. He made everything very good.
3. Imaging God in His rest
 - a. God's rest is for us (cf. Mk 2:27-28, Heb 4). Worshiping Him is our greatest duty.
 - b. God's blessing of the Sabbath is for us (cf. v28). This day is a great gift.
 - c. God's hallowing of the Sabbath is for us. This day is set apart as holy—only to be used for that which God has appointed.

Conclusion: whatever else God has planned for you, a primary part of it is every Lord's Day as a day of finding spiritual rest in Himself, looking forward to glory itself.