

***Our Covenantal God***  
***Genesis 2:4-25***

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**Getting Started**

- ❖ What was your biggest takeaway from the message this weekend?
- ❖ Have you ever struggled with having a positive self-image? How does this week's message and the section on being created in the image speak into our self-image?

**Digging Deeper**

- ❖ **Read Genesis 2:4-25 and answer the following:**
  - From verses 8-14, describe the home God made for the first man in each of the following aspects:
    - Its location
    - Its nature
    - Its ordinary occupants
    - Its special occupants
    - Its fertility
    - Its wealth
  - From verses 15-17, answer these questions about the Lord God's plans for man in the garden of Eden:
    - What were the man's tasks in the garden?
    - What might those roles have involved in a perfect environment?
    - Whom might the man have needed to guard against? (see also Gen. 3:1)
    - What was the positive command of the Lord God to the man about the garden?
    - What was the Lord God's prohibition to the man about the garden?
    - What were the promised consequences of disobeying this prohibition?
  - How did the Lord God reveal to Adam that in all of creation there was no "helper comparable to him"?
  - What does Adam's ability to name all the animals reveal about him?
  - Although Adam provided the materials from which the woman was made, he was completely passive during her creation. Why do you think God wanted it that way?
  - In Genesis 2:24, what implications for marriage are contained in each of these clauses?
    - "A man shall leave his father and mother"
    - "A man shall ... be joined to his wife"
    - "They shall become one flesh"

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***Apply It!***

- ❖ How should the creation account shape your view of the opposite sex? Of other races?
- ❖ What is your biggest takeaway from Adam's "love song" to Eve as it relates to marriage?
- ❖ Jerry made a point of encouraging us to "guard our garden", especially as it relates to our homes, our marriages and our children. What are some threats you see to your "garden" and what actions should you take to "guard" it better?

***Think About It!***

*As a politician, the secular person will cry out that all war is a waste of life, and then, as a philosopher, admit that all life is a waste of time. The secular person goes first to a political meeting, where he complains the natives are being treated as if they were beasts. Then he goes to a scientific meeting, where he proves that all human beings actually are beasts. (G.K. Chesterton)*

## WORSHIP RESOURCE

November 8, 2020 | 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

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### WORSHIP SONGS

#### OPEN UP THE HEAVENS

*Words & Music by James McDonald, Jason Ingram, Meredith Andrews, Stuart Garrard, Andi Rozier, 2012*

We've waited for this day, we're gathered in Your name,  
Calling out to You. Your glory like a fire awakening desire,  
Will burn our hearts with truth. You're the reason we're here;  
You're the reason we're singing.

*Open up the heavens, we want to see You. Open up the floodgates,  
a mighty river flowing from Your heart, filling every part of our praise.*

Your presence in this place, Your glory on our face,  
We're looking to the sky. Descending like a cloud,  
You're standing with us now, Lord unveil our eyes.

Show us, show us Your glory. Show us, who us Your power.  
Show us, show us Your glory, Lord.

#### CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH

*Words and Music by Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kauflin, Matthew Merker, and Matt Papa, 2020*

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone. What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong. Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command? And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal; O sing hallelujah!  
Now and forever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.  
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh to the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"  
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him. There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed, and we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is our forevermore.

#### BE THOU MY VISION

*Ancient Irish Poem | Traditional Irish Melody*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me,  
save that thou art. Thou my best thought by day or by night;  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence, my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee  
and thou with me, Lord. Thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise; Thou mine inheritance,  
now and always. Thou and thou only, first in my heart:  
High King of heaven, my treasure, thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won; May I reach heaven's joys,  
O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

#### GOODNESS OF GOD

*Words and Music by Jenn Johnson, 2018*

I love You, Lord. Oh Your mercy never fails me; all my days  
I've been held in Your hands. From the moment that I wake up  
until I lay my head, Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

*And all my life You have been faithful. And all my life  
You have been so, so good. With every breath that I am able  
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.*

I love Your voice; You have led me through the fire. In darkest nights  
You are close like no other. I've known You as a Father; I've known  
You as a friend, and I have lived in the goodness of God.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.  
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.  
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now; I give you everything.  
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me

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### DAILY READINGS | BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

SUNDAY | Ps. 81; Joel 1:1-13; 1 Cor. 14:1-12; Matt. 20:1-16  
MONDAY | Ps. 135; Joel 1:15-2:2; Rev. 18:15-24; Luke 14:12-24  
TUESDAY | Ps. 86; Joel 2:3-11; Rev. 19:1-10; Luke 14:25-35  
WEDNESDAY | Ps. 15; Joel 2:12-19; Rev. 19:11-21; Luke 15:1-10  
THURSDAY | Ps. 27; Joel 2:21-27; James 1:1-15; Luke 15:11-32  
FRIDAY | Ps. 32; Joel 2:28-3:8; James 1:16-27; Luke 16:1-9  
SATURDAY | Ps. 56; Joel 3:9-17; James 2:1-13; Luke 16:10-18

#### PRAYER OF RENEWAL

Lord Jesus, may we be ready for your return.  
Help us to live in anticipation of the fullness of your kingdom.  
In your church and world, let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;  
and may we be instruments of this kind of love and mercy.  
May our expressions of worship not be in vain,  
but a reflection of hearts and lives fully devoted to you.  
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.



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