

A THEOLOGY OF WORK:

A LABOR DAY MESSAGE



GOD'S ORIGINAL PLAN

(GEN. 2:15)

- **We think of the Garden as “paradise”, a perfect place of contentment and joy.**
- **Adam and Eve were given responsibilities in the Garden.**
(Gen. 1:28; 2:19-20)

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- **Work that has not been perverted or marred by sin is not burdensome, hard, or unfruitful.**

WHEN WORK BECAME “LABOR”

(GEN. 3:16-19)

- **The joy of life in the Garden was replaced with pain, frustration, sweat, and anxiety.**
- **Sin always seeks to destroy what is good and replace it with evil—and death.**
(Rom. 3:23)

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- **We have to live—and work—with the consequences of our sin as well as the sins of others—even former generations.**

THE REDEMPTION OF WORK

(COLOSSIANS 3:17, 23-24)

- **Jesus brought hope into the despair of this life and made it possible to experience true joy and life in the midst of the ongoing effects of sin.**
(John 10:10)

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- **When we see our work as a means to bring glory to God, we can live with a greater sense of fulfillment than those who don't have Christ in their lives.**
(I Cor. 15:58)

THE FINAL GLORIFICATION OF WORK

(REVELATION 22:1-4)

- **Without the effects of sin, work will once again be “perfect”. That means no pain, frustration, or anxiety.**

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- **God's people will serve Him in purity and undivided passion.**
- **As believers we can begin to experience this kind of life even now.**

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