

Exodus 31:1–18
Real Life & True Goodness of the New Creation
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Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. Introduction

A. Real Life

1 Timothy 6:17–19

¹⁷ *As for the rich in this present age*, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, *so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.*

B. True Goodness

Psalms 36:1–2

¹ Transgression speaks to the wicked deep in his heart; there is no fear of God before his eyes. ² For he *flatters himself in his own eyes* that his iniquity cannot be found out and hated.

Proverbs 16:2

² All the ways of a man are *pure in his own eyes*, but the Lord weighs the spirit.

Deuteronomy 10:12–13

¹² “And now, Israel, **what does the Lord your God require of you**, but to *fear* the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to *love* him, to *serve* the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³ and to keep the commandments and statutes of the Lord, which I am commanding you today *for your good?*”

Key Idea

The life and goodness God commands is a life and goodness he provides.

II. The New Creation

A. Israel is the Shadow of the New Creation

1. Explicitly Called a Creation Event

Deuteronomy 32:6

⁶ Do you thus repay the Lord, you foolish and senseless people? Is not he your father, who created you, who made you and established you?

2. The Tabernacle Pictures the Universe

3. Seven, "God said to Moses..." (25:1-31:18)

Exodus 31:1, 12

¹ The Lord said to Moses...

¹² And the Lord said to Moses...

4. The seventh "day" is the command to rest

B. The New Creation

2 Corinthians 5:17

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a *new creation*. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

III. The Life Giving Word & Spirit of God

Exodus 31:2–3, 6

² "See, I have called by name **Bezalel** the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, ³ and *I have filled him with the Spirit of God*, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship...

⁶ And behold, I have appointed with him **Oholiab**, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. And *I have given to all able men ability, that they may make all that I have commanded you*: ...

Genesis 1:2

² 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.

A. The Life Giving Spirit of God

Psalm 104:27–30

²⁷ These all look to you, to give them their food in due season. ²⁸ When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. ²⁹ When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. ³⁰ ***When you send forth your Spirit, they are created***, and you renew the face of the ground.

B. The Life Giving Word & Spirit of God

2 Corinthians 5:16–19

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, ***we regard no one according to the flesh***. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new creation**. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ ***All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation***; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the ***message of reconciliation***.

IV. Application

A. True Salvation Comes through a Knowledge of God, from God, through Christ

2 Peter 1:3–4

³ ***His divine power has granted*** to us all things that pertain to **life** and **godliness**, ***through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence***, ⁴ by which he has granted to us his precious and very great ***promises***, so that ***through them*** you may become ***partakers of the divine nature***, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of ***sinful desire***.

“At its root, our sins are driven by the fact that we desire something more than we desire God.” *

B. Real Life (The Kind God Gives) is Marked by Joy

“Being able to articulate the gospel with accuracy is one thing; having its truth captivate your soul is quite another.” †

Philippians 1:25–26

²⁵ *Convinced of this*, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and **joy** in the faith, ²⁶ so that in me you may have ***ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus***, because of my coming to you again.

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C. True Goodness has God at the Center of it

“True religion is when you serve God to get nothing else but more of God.” ‡

D. A New Creation! What God is doing in us is part of a much bigger plan.

Revelation 7:9–12

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

* Greear, J.D.; Keller, Timothy (2011-09-13). *Gospel: Recovering the Power that Made Christianity Revolutionary* (p. 30). B&H Books. Kindle Edition.

† Ibid. (p. 9).

‡ Ibid. (p. 32).