



## **GROW GUIDE**

Week of October 23, 2016

### **SERMON NOTES**

“Fearing Like Jesus”

Part 1 of 4 in the series *Doxology*

Genesis 1:26-31a  
Rev. Dr. R. Brandon Harris

#### **The Creation - A state of pure grace**

Doxology is a Greek word that means a word of glorification.

The first thing that God did after creating humankind was to bless them.

That means the whole of human life is a response to blessing.

1. It matters to God how we respond to his act of blessing.

2. Our response to grace is an opportunity for praise.

#### **The Fall - Focusing on Blessings Rather than the Bless-or**

Genesis 3

The serpent invites human beings to see God's creation no longer as a

means to glorify God, but as a means to glorify ourselves.

#### **Doxology - The act of putting God back at the center of our lives**

The Doxology we sing tells us both the source and the appropriate

response to our blessings.

In our culture we cannot talk about worshiping God without talking about

money.

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Mon. 10/24/2016** Genesis 2:1-3

*The seventh day of creation*

On the first day after human beings are created, God creates the Sabbath. Human beings have nothing to do on the first full day of their lives but to enjoy God's grace.

**Tue. 10/25/2016** Genesis 3:1-7 *Exploiting the creation for personal gain*

Adam and Eve had been told not to eat of a certain tree, but they are tempted to do so anyway. The creation, originally given as a gift, had become for God's creatures the focus of their lives, a place rightfully belonging to the Creator.

**Wed. 10/26/2016** James 1:17-27

*A faithful response to blessing*

James praises God as the source of "every perfect gift" and characterizes faithfulness as "doing" God's word in response to this blessing. He even says that our own generosity is an extension of God's grace.

**Thu. 10/27/2016** Psalm 24

*Entrance into the temple*

This psalm, a hymn to be sung when entering the Jerusalem temple for worship, begins with a powerful acknowledgment about the Lord's relationship to the world. What does this say about the beginning (the source and starting point) for our worship?

**Fri. 10/28/2016** Romans 11:33-36

*A Pauline doxology*

Paul gives praise to God for the inexhaustible riches of salvation. What would it take for this to be on your lips everyday? How would that make a difference in your outlook on life?

**Sat. 10/29/2016** 2 John

*Truth and love*

John, who in his gospel and his first letter has constantly underscored the importance of love, encourages us to walk according to Christ's commandments. He cautions against deceivers who do not abide by the teaching of Christ. How does our faithful stewardship connect to John's instructions?

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

Anderson, Jamie - Surgery 10-17-16.

Epperson, Ron - CCU

Marks, Ada Jo - Surgery Recovery

Douthit, Jim - Praise for successful surg.

Mayes, Robbie

Phillips, Billy

Wiederholt, Charlie

Family of Katherine Jacobs - d. 10-15-16

Medders, Matt - Mil. Deploy. 10-27-2016

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