

God Doesn't Make Junk

Genesis 1:31

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.

Life in this world can be rough and tumbly. Usually much of the damage is done to our mental state. Slipping into depression is not unusual. Our self-esteem can drop into the basement during this time. Our self-assessment can have us thinking that we have no value to anyone. To this expression a counselor once responded that “God doesn’t make junk.”

For after all preceding statements to the effect that individual works of creation were good comes this stronger statement to the effect that it was “very good,” making a total of seven times that the word good was used – seven being the mark of divine operation. In fact it was “perfect.”

All individual units of his creation were perfect, and together all formed a harmonious whole. Everything was perfectly suited for the role the Creator had assigned to it.

God makes all things good. He takes great care to place man and woman in the garden to care for the things that He created. Sin has placed the things God created, including us, in bondage to death and decay. Yet Jesus’ death and resurrection has restored the things of God’s creation just as it has restored us. Indeed, God even used His creation to accomplish our salvation: a cross made of wood; the water of Baptism; the bread and wine of the Eucharist; the printed words on the page in, with, and under which He reveals His Word of life to us. (TLSB)

Prayer: Lord, You have reclaimed all that is your own, redeemed and restored all of your creation to yourself. Preserve me and your creation, O Lord, by your grace. Amen. (TLSB)