

WORD

But Jesus answered them, "My Father is working until now, and I am working." **JOHN 5:17**

Jesus spoke confidently about God the Father working—even *until now*. God works, and this is a reflection of His nature and character. In this lesson, we will look at these truths about God working from the story of creation in Genesis 1 and 2.

1 God is at work.

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
GENESIS 1:1

God created the world, and He has always been at work. In fact, He is the only One who can make something out of nothing. He is the ultimate miracle-worker, and He takes pleasure in His work. What do you particularly admire about creation? How do you think God thought of it and made it?

2 God's work is good.

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. **GENESIS 1:31**

Everything God made was very good. That's just how God is. He never makes anything substandard or broken. Despite the presence of sin in the world, creation retains its goodness. Since we are made in God's image and likeness, what kind of work should we do?

3 God delights in His work.

²*And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done.* ³*So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.* **GENESIS 2:2,3**

The word "rested" here means to cease and desist from exertion. It also means to celebrate. God was delighted with his work. When he looked at the finished work of His creation, it gave Him pleasure. (See also Psalm 104:31.) How can we, like God, delight in the work we do?
