

SERMON NOTES
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²⁸Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.”

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³¹ **Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!**

And evening passed and morning came, marking the sixth day.

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