

Notes:

Sermon Text

Subject

Spiritual “To Do List”
(things God has shown me today)

God of shop and marketplace,
Of farm and studio,
Factory and shipping lane,
Of school and busy home:
Bless the produce of our hands.
Redeem our work for Kingdom-use.
By Your grace, our efforts stand,
All offered up to You.

There in Eden, You proclaimed
That we should work the earth –
Stewards over all we named,
Delighting in their worth.
Through our fall we brought decay,
Lost access to Jehovah’s rest.
Through the cross, we rest in faith
And all our labor’s blessed.

In Your image we are made:
Creative like You are,
Forming goods for use and trade
Just like You formed the stars.
Send us out in power and skill
To worship through each task assigned.
By Your Spirit we fulfill
The holy, grand design.

~ Bobby Gilles

FRONT: “El Ángelus” Jean-François Millet, circa 1857

As the bell from the village church in the background rings out the signal for evening prayer, this couple pauses in the middle of potato harvest, just as Millet’s family had when he was a child.

I am reminded of a similar custom in many camp meetings where the bell is rung in the early afternoon as a signal for everyone to pause wherever they may be, for 3 minutes of silent prayer. —RDO

Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving. Colossians 4:2

It is *right* and *fitting*
for one . . . to enjoy the *good*
of all his *Labor*.



Ecclesiastes 5:18

