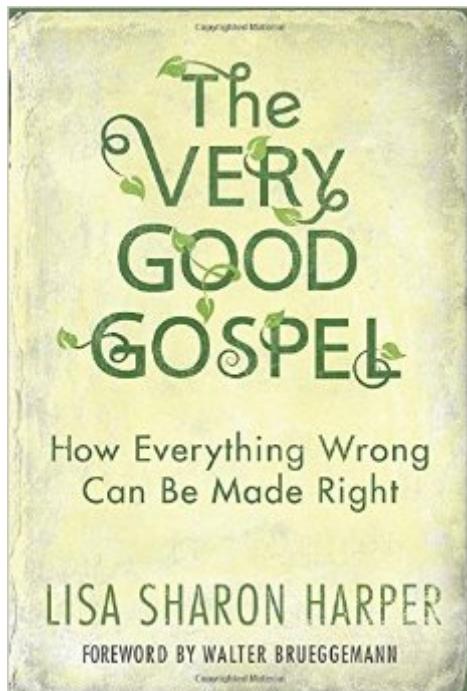


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# The Very Good Gospel: How Everything Wrong Can Be Made Right



## **Synopsis**

God once declared everything in the world à œvery good.â • Can you imagine it? Â A Vision of Hope for a Broken World Â Shalom is what God declared. Shalom is what the Kingdom of God looks like. Shalom is when all people have enough. Itâ ™s when families are healed. Itâ ™s when churches, schools, and public policies protect human dignity. Shalom is when the image of God is recognized in every single human. Shalom is our calling as followers of Jesusâ ™s gospel. It is the vision God set forth in the Garden and the restoration God desires for every relationship. Â Â What can we do to bring shalom to our nations, our communities, and our souls? Through a careful exploration of biblical text, particularly the first three chapters of Genesis, Lisa Sharon Harper shows us what à œvery goodâ • can look like today, even after the Fall. Â Because despite our anxious minds, despite division and threats of violence, Godâ ™s vision remains: Wholeness for a hurting world. Peace for a fearful soul. Shalom. Â

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I loved this book! It was a breath of fresh air. I was impressed by Harperâ ™s writing style that draws the reader into the unfolding story. Usually this is not the case with a book of this kind and I was pleasantly surprised. This book also has a depth to it that was unexpected as well. Harper touches on tough subjects, and unfortunately things we often donâ ™t think about. I enjoyed how Harper sprinkles her personal story throughout the book. She shares her hurts and struggles and how she had to find her own shalom with God. From the shalom offered by God to humanity in Genesis, through the à œwreckage of the fall,â • and forward to Jesusâ ™ à œvery goodâ • gospel,

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