

God made Man and Woman



God had lovingly, carefully, perfectly created everything in preparation for his final creation: **Mankind**



The earth was prepared for man's existence in days 1-6



Then God said: "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." **Gen 1:26**

"Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being."

Even after the man's body was formed he did not have life until God **breathed life** into him. He was like a dead man because the part which was to be in God's image was not yet living in his body.



God named
the man
“Adam”
which means
Man.

God alone put life into Adam.
Only God can give life. All things
receive their life from God, God is
distinct from all created things and
greater than all the things he
created!

Adam is the
first ancestor
of all people,
regardless of
race, culture,
ethnicity or
location.



Adam is **YOUR** ancestor and **MY** ancestor.
We all came from this first man! He is the
beginning and father of the entire human race!



Then God said, “**I give you** every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it.” They will be yours for food.



“And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I **give every green plant** for food.”



God had the right to decide to whom he would give the earth to...and he gave it to man!



What a responsibility and privilege!
God gave man great honor and responsibility.

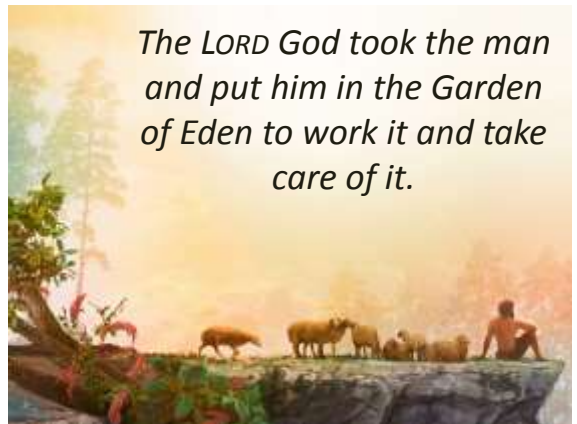


The newly created world

“Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground.”

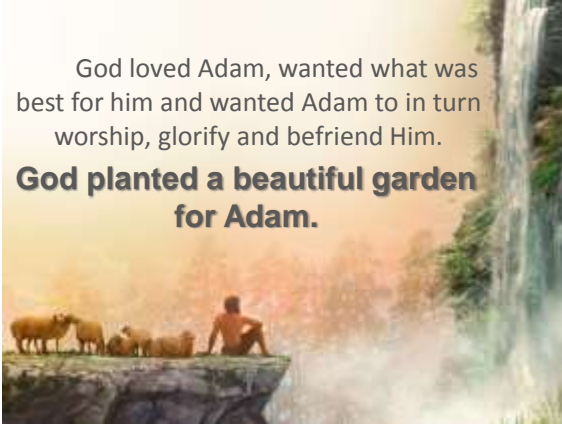


The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.



God loved Adam, wanted what was best for him and wanted Adam to in turn worship, glorify and befriend Him.

God planted a beautiful garden for Adam.



God included everything that Adam would need to keep him happy-healthy-satisfied.



"Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed."



"The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food."



God placed Adam in the garden.



Who owned Adam?



God did, **because God made him**. God is the owner of all things. He has the right to do what He wishes with us and with all the other things that He has made.



God created Adam, so Adam belonged to God. God didn't ask Adam if he wanted to live there, or what he thought or preferred.

You are mine

HE HAS THE
RIGHT TO
TELL US WHAT
TO DO.

God is the owner and creator of all things.

HE HAS THE RIGHT TO DO WHAT HE WISHES WITH US/WHEN HE WANTS/WHERE HE WANTS AND WITH ALL OTHER THINGS HE HAS MADE. GOD HAS THE RIGHT TO TELL US WHAT TO DO.

God is good, God is love and God is all knowing.

God also wants what is best for us, knows what that is and how to get it to us. We can trust what he says and where he places us.

God instructs Adam.



*The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the LORD **God commanded the man**, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil..."*



God instructs Adam.

God did not leave it up to Adam to decide which things were right and which things were wrong to do. God spoke to Adam and told him what he **must not do**, or he would die.

God planted an endless variety of trees which supplied food for man and gave beauty in the garden. Only one tree was denied to Adam.



God instructs Adam.

God **knows** what is best and **wanted** what was best for Adam.

Adam could choose to obey-trust-depend on God; knowing that God's choice was the best for him...



...or he could **disobey** God by not trusting that God knew best, **wanting to be independent.**



God decided that Adam needed a wife to help him and to be his companion!

He brought the animals to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.

So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. **But for Adam no suitable helper was found.**



God wanted to show Adam that there was nothing suitable for him to partner with that already existed in the world (*animals, plants, angels...*)

God wanted Adam to see that he (Adam), the world and Satan, Angels could do nothing to provide him with a suitable partner.

God wanted to show Adam that only God could provide him with what he needed! God wanted to show Adam that he could trust him for his happiness.

The LORD God said, “**It is not good** for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”



So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh.



Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.



God loved Adam and wanted him to be complete, God knew he wouldn't continue to be happy if he remained alone!

Because God loved Adam and wanted the best for him, he decided to make a wife for him!



God made the first woman as a gift for man!

Marriage was God's perfect plan for Adam and Eve. Eve was perfectly suited to help meet Adam's needs. Adam must have been so satisfied with his wife, part of his own body, that had been given the ability to communicate and unite with him.

God instructs again...

God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.”



God instructs again...

“Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”



The Setting in the Garden

‘God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.’



Next Week: The Fall

