

## **GENESIS Lesson 3 – 11/18/18**

### **Adam and Eve**

**1:26: And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.**

**1:27: So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.**

**1:28: And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.**

**1:29: And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.**

**1:30: And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.**

God created man on the sixth day. God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness...”

See the three plural pronouns? God does things in three’s and seven’s.

It is God who made us, we did not evolve from monkeys, and no we are not primates.

If we evolved from monkeys, then what are they still doing here?

I am not going to spend time on evolution this morning; there are many hoaxes and fabricated evidence out there in an effort to prove a connection between man and ape. Just trust the Bible, you can't go wrong.

Here God speaks in the plural form; as we know from the NT the Godhead consist of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirt, and these three are one.

1 John 5:7: For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

This is the single most important verse in the Bible regarding the trinity.

As Bible believing Christians we believe in the trinity, though the word is not in the Bible, the word Godhead is, and the trinity is taught in the NT.

So when God said let us make man in our image, He made man a tripartite being. Just like God, man is a composite of three distinct components: body, soul, and spirit.

1 Thessalonians 5:23: And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Your body is the flesh that houses your spirit and soul. We are connected to the material world through our body via our five senses: sight, smell, hearing, taste and touch.

It is our flesh we have a problem with (Rom. 7:18). We you got saved, your flesh didn't get saved, instead God one day will give us a new one (1 Cor. 15).

Your soul is who you are; you are a distinct eternal creature. The soul is your personality; the way you think about things, the way you see things, the way you deal with situations. There are two internal gates to your soul: your eyes and your ears.

Through your spirit you are connected to the spiritual world, it is where faith, hope, reverence and worship come from. When Adam died, his spirit died, he lost the connection he had with God. When you get saved your spirit is made alive, it is revived. It reconnects your soul to God.

When you are born again, it is your spirit that is born again

John 3:5: Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

John 3:6: That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

The spirit is common to all men (1 Cor. 2:11) and common to all animals (Ecc. 3:21). Animals have a body and a spirit; they do not have an eternal soul.

God made man with two faculties that no animal has; the ability to speak and the ability to write. God speaks and this is the “Word” of God; and God has written and this is the “word” of God.

God spoke for the first time in Genesis 1: 3. And wrote for the first time in Exodus 31:18: And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

God said, "...in our image":

Heb:1:3: Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

Col:1:15: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

2Co:4:4: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

The Lord Jesus Christ is the image of God, so when God made Adam, he made him like Christ.

When God made man, He gave him three commands:

1. Replenish the earth (Gen. 1:28); refill!
2. Subdue the Earth (Gen. 1:28); have dominion. Adam was the head of all creation.
3. Do not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 2:17).

When God made man, He made them male and female; two distinct genders, biologically compatible, yet different.

Someone said, "God made Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve."

The reason why so many today have gender dysphoria is because of man's fallen nature, and as man gets farther and farther away from God, the more confused he will get.

When God made man, He made him a vegetarian (see Gen. 1:29).

God also made all animals vegetarians (see Gen. 1:30). God gave us one example today of an animal with carnivore teeth that is a vegetarian: the Panda Bear!

It was not until Genesis 7 that man begins to eat meat (after the flood).

**2:3: And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.**

**2:4: These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,**

**2:5: And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground.**

**2:6: But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.**

A few brief comments on these verses before we resume our study of Adam and Eve.

God rested on the 7<sup>th</sup> day, He didn't need to but he did to set a precedent and a type. Man needs to rest one day a week (though God gave no such command to Adam, nor anyone for that matter until the Law), and the earth will rest during the millennial reign of Christ, during its 7<sup>th</sup> millennium.

Chapter 2 genesis verses 1 and 2 mention the heavens. Do you remember why? In the beginning God created one heaven, but later He

made a firmament which He called Heaven, what we know as space. So basically God made two more heavens.

In verse 5 we are told something interesting, that it did not rain on the earth, the vegetation was simply watered by geysers!

The pre-flood earth had its own built-in sprinkler system! This is important because when Noah said it was going to rain and a catastrophic flood was on its way—imagine how the people reacted!

**2:7: And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.**

**2:8: And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.**

**2:9: And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.**

Here we now have the second account of the creation of man. This differs from chapter 1, the order is different. The skeptics point to this as a contradiction in the Bible.

In this account we are told that God made man, and then he made the trees. Later we will see that God made the animals after he placed Adam in the garden. We will look at this in more detail shortly.

In Genesis chapter 1 we are told God created man on the 6<sup>th</sup> day (6 is the number of man) and that He created them male and female.

We are told that God made man from the dust of the ground, from the soil. God made man a fully grown adult and we can assume without difficulty that He did the same thing with the plants and the animals—so you have the answer on the age old question: “Which came first, the chicken or the egg?”

Man did not become a living soul until God breathed into him. All men have the breath of God in them; it’s what makes us human; it’s what makes us eternal beings.

One missionary lady, her and her husband were missionary to Africa, tells the story of a time when her husband was teaching on Adam and Eve, and at the end of the story one of the native little boys goes to the man and asks him, “What color was Adam?” When she heard the question she just about fainted wondering what her husband was going to say. He responded to the little boy: “Whatever color the soil was that God used.” And he was content with that answer, turned around and left.

In this passage we are introduced to two trees by name: the tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. The Bible does not tell what fruit these trees produced, many have tried to guess, but there is no clue in the scriptures so we won’t even try. Notice that at this time Adam was allowed to freely eat from the tree of life. Notice the connection to offer of eternal God makes to man today. It goes without saying that eternal life is free. God does not forbid anyone to partake (Rom. 5:15, 16, 18).

Genesis 2:10-14 gives us the location of the Garden.

We can debate the location of the Garden of Eden, but on one thing is for sure it was in the Middle East, most likely somewhere in the Fertile Crescent. The garden was large; two of its rivers begin in present day Turkey and end up in present day Kuwait.

2 Kings 19:12: Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed; as Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden which were in Thelasar?

Ezekiel 36:35: And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited.

**2:18: And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.**

**2:19: And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.**

**2:20: And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.**

Many find a contradiction here in these verses because we are told in Genesis 1: 25 that God made the land animals and then in Genesis 1:26 he makes man. But here Adam has already been created, placed in the garden and God makes the beasts and presents them to Adam.

Another issue some have with this account is that Adam is alone, but in Genesis 1:27 we are told that God made man male and female.



But the contradiction is easily solved, when you use some common sense. On the 6<sup>th</sup> day after God made the land animals and man, He made a garden, and in the garden He made trees grown that made for good eating, and then He brought animals that he formed. The statement in verse 19: “And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air...” could simply be a comment, a repeat statement. And if Adam was in God’s image he could have named all the animals quickly. Remember Adam never tired, had an IQ of over 300 and probably had supernatural abilities.

Note: there are a little over 1,200 mammal genera, 2,000 bird genera and 1,100 reptile genera. At 3 seconds per animal, Adam could have named all the animals in 3-4 hours. Genera would be equivalent to the biblical “kind” (Gen. 1:24-25).

But despite all the different kinds of animals, not one was suitable for Adam. So Adam has his first need; a need for a helpmeet. God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.” And guess who fills that need—God.

**2:21: And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;**

**2:22: And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.**

**2:23: And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.**

**2:24: Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.**

**2:25: And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.**

Proverbs 18:22: Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD.

Proverbs 19:14: House and riches are the inheritance of fathers and a prudent wife is from the LORD.

A helper is not a hinderer, a helper is not a boss; notice the order, God gave Adam the dominion over the earth and made a woman to help him!

God puts Adam in a deep sleep performs an operation on him. God performed the first operation. And when Adam awakes, God presents to him his bride. What a beautiful picture of Christ and his bride, the church.

Christ went into deep sleep, and He arose and God now had the way in which He was able to bring His Son a bride; in our case the operation is performed afterwards, the moment we believe.

Colossians 2:11: In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:

Ephesians 5:25: Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

Ephesians 5:28: So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

As soon as Adam saw his wife, he said, “You are the most beautiful woman in the whole world.” And Eve said, “Really, do you really mean that?” Eve was a blonde.

And when God presented Eve to Adam, Adam said, “...she is bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh...” Adam was the first man, the first human, Eve was taken out of Adam, therefore Adam represents the whole human race.

And the following verse God says, “...a man [shall] leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh...” God produced the first union between man and wife; He performed the first wedding ceremony. When God looks down from heaven a sees a married couple, He sees one flesh, one union.

They were naked and were not ashamed, just like a little child who streaks down the hallway, in front of guest, and doesn’t worry about it.

Man was created in the image of God. He was placed in a perfect environment. All his needs were met. He was put in complete control. He didn’t have to work for anyone, didn’t have pay taxes, he didn’t have to worry about his next paycheck. Adam didn’t have and in-laws and didn’t have to worry about Eve having heard his jokes before. He was given the best helper, a helpmeet suitable for him according to the word of God. God communed with him daily; he could talk to God as you and I are talking to each other. Yet, he gave all that up because he believed the tempter’s lie.

Man never changes; we forfeit many spiritual blessings because we believe the devil’s lies.

Next week we will look at the fall of man.