



## Lesson 2 – The Creation

Based on Genesis 1 and 2

1) How was this Earth constructed?

**Psalm 33:6** By the \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

**Psalm 33:9** For he spake, and it was done; he \_\_\_\_\_, and it stood fast.

**Psalm 104:5** Who laid the \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.

As the earth came forth from the hand of its Maker, it was exceedingly beautiful. Its surface was diversified with mountains, hills, and plains, interspersed with noble rivers and lovely lakes; but the hills and mountains were not abrupt and rugged, abounding in terrific steep and frightful chasms, as they now do; the sharp, ragged edges of earth's rocky framework were buried beneath the fruitful soil, which everywhere produced a luxuriant growth of verdure. There were no loathsome swamps or barren deserts. Graceful shrubs and delicate flowers greeted the eye at every turn

The angelic host viewed the scene with delight and rejoiced at the wonderful works of God.

2) What did God do on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of Creation?

**Genesis 1:26-27** And God said, Let \_\_\_\_\_ make man in \_\_\_\_\_ image, after our likeness: and let them have \_\_\_\_\_ 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. So God created man in his own image, in the image of \_\_\_\_\_ created he him; male and female created he them.

After the earth with its teeming animal and vegetable life had been called into existence, man, the crowning work of the Creator, and the one for whom the beautiful earth had been fitted up, was brought upon the stage of action. To him was given dominion over all that his eye could behold.

Here is clearly set forth the origin of the human race; and the divine record is so plainly stated that there is no occasion for erroneous conclusions. God created man in His own image. Here is no mystery. There is no ground for the supposition that man was evolved by slow degrees of development from the lower forms of animal or vegetable life. Such teaching lowers the great work of the Creator to the level of man's narrow, earthly conceptions.

3) Who was Adam's Father?

**Luke 3:38** ...Adam, which was the son of \_\_\_\_\_.

4) What was Adam in charge of?

**Psalm 8:6-8** Thou madest him to have dominion over the \_\_\_\_\_ of thy \_\_\_\_\_; thou hast put all things under his feet: All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and \_\_\_\_\_ passeth through the paths of the seas.

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



He was placed, as God's representative, over the lower orders of being.

5) Whose image did Adam bear?

**Hebrews 1:3** Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express \_\_\_\_\_ of his person...

Man was formed in the likeness of God. His nature was in harmony with the will of God. His mind was capable of comprehending divine things. His affections were pure; his appetites and passions were under the control of reason. He was holy and happy in bearing the image of God and in perfect obedience to His will.

6) How was Adam Created?

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

As man came forth from the hand of his Creator, he was of lofty stature and perfect symmetry. His countenance bore the ruddy tint of health and glowed with the light of life and joy. Adam's height was much greater than that of men who now inhabit the earth. Eve was somewhat less in stature; yet her form was noble, and full of beauty. The sinless pair wore no artificial garments; they were clothed with a covering of light and glory, such as the angels wear. So long as they lived in obedience to God, this robe of light continued to enshroud them.

7) What was one of Adam's first jobs?

**Genesis 2:20** And Adam gave \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

Among all the creatures that God had made on the earth, there was not one equal to man.

8) What did God do?

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

**Genesis 2:21-22** And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his \_\_\_\_\_, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a \_\_\_\_\_, and brought her unto the man.

9) What did Adam declare when he first saw her?

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

God Himself gave Adam a companion. He provided "***an help meet for him***", a helper corresponding to him, one who was fitted to be his companion, and who could be one with him in love and sympathy. Eve was created from a rib taken from the side of Adam, signifying that she was not to control him as the head, nor to be trampled under his feet as an inferior, but to stand by his side as an equal, to be loved and protected by him. A part of man, bone of his bone, and flesh of his flesh, she was his second self, showing the close union and the affectionate attachment that should exist in this relation.

10) How is that relationship to be?

**Ephesians 5:29** For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ it, even as the Lord the church:



11) How should the marriage begin?

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

God celebrated the first marriage. Thus, the institution has for its originator the Creator of the universe. **“Marriage is honorable” (Hebrews 13:4)**; it was one of the first gifts of God to man, and it is one of the two institutions that, after the Fall, Adam brought with him beyond the gates of Paradise. When the divine principles are recognized and obeyed in this relation, marriage is a blessing; it guards the purity and happiness of the race, it provides for man’s social needs, it elevates the physical, the intellectual, and the moral nature.

12) Where did the newlyweds reside as their first home?

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

Everything that God had made was the perfection of beauty, and nothing seemed wanting that could contribute to the happiness of the holy pair; yet the Creator gave them still another token of His love, by preparing a garden especially for their home. In this garden were trees of every variety, many of them laden with fragrant and delicious fruit. There were lovely vines, growing upright, yet presenting a most graceful appearance, with their branches drooping under their load of tempting fruit of the richest and most varied hues. It was the work of Adam and Eve to train the branches of the vine to form bowers, thus making for themselves a dwelling from living trees covered with foliage and fruit.

There were fragrant flowers of every hue in rich profusion. In the midst of the garden stood the tree of life, surpassing in glory all other trees. Its fruit appeared like apples of gold and silver and had the power to perpetuate life.

13) When the Creation was finished, what did He declare?

**Genesis 1:31** And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good...

14) What did the heavenly beings do when they saw this?

**Job 38:7** ...the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God \_\_\_\_\_ for joy...

Eden bloomed on earth. Adam and Eve had free access to the tree of life. No taint of sin or shadow of death marred the fair creation.

15) What did God do next?

**Genesis 2:2-3** And on the \_\_\_\_\_ day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God \_\_\_\_\_ the seventh day, and \_\_\_\_\_ it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

God looked with satisfaction upon the work of His hands. All was perfect, worthy of its divine Author, and He rested, not as one weary, but as well pleased with the fruits of His wisdom and goodness and the manifestations of His glory.

After resting upon the seventh day, God sanctified it, or set it apart, as a day of rest for man. Following the example of the Creator, man was to rest upon this sacred day, that as he should look upon the heavens and the earth, he might reflect upon God’s great work of creation; and that as he should behold the evidences of God’s wisdom and goodness, his heart might be filled with love and reverence for his Maker.

16) What else declares the Glory of God?

**Psalms 19:1,2** The \_\_\_\_\_ declare the glory of God; and the \_\_\_\_\_ sheweth his handywork.



God designs that the Sabbath shall direct the minds of men to the contemplation of His created works. Nature speaks to their senses, declaring that there is a living God, the Creator, the Supreme Ruler of all. The beauty that clothes the earth is a token of God's love. We may behold it in the everlasting hills, in the lofty trees, in the opening buds and the delicate flowers. All speak to us of God. The Sabbath, ever pointing to Him who made them all, bids men open the great book of nature and trace therein the wisdom, the power, and the love of the Creator.

Our first parents, though created innocent and holy, were not placed beyond the possibility of wrongdoing. God made them free moral agents, capable of appreciating the wisdom and benevolence of His character and the justice of His requirements, and with full liberty to yield or to withhold obedience. They were to enjoy communion with God and with holy angels; but before they could be rendered eternally secure, their loyalty must be tested.

17) What was the test?

**Genesis 2:17** But of the tree of the \_\_\_\_\_ of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

At the very beginning of man's existence, a check was placed upon the desire for self-indulgence, the fatal passion that lay at the foundation of Satan's fall. The tree of knowledge, which stood near the tree of life in the midst of the garden, was to be a test of the obedience, faith, and love of our parents. While permitted to eat freely of every other tree, they were forbidden to taste of this, on pain of death. They were also to be exposed to the temptations of Satan; but if they endured the trial, they would finally be placed beyond his power, to enjoy perpetual favor with God.

God made man upright; He gave him noble traits of character, with no bias toward evil. He endowed him with high intellectual powers and presented before him the strongest possible inducements to be true to his allegiance. Obedience, perfect and perpetual, was the condition of eternal happiness. On this condition he was to have access to the tree of life.

God placed man under law, as an indispensable condition of his very existence. He was a subject of the divine government, and there can be no government without law. God might have created man without the power to transgress His law; He might have withheld the hand of Adam from touching the forbidden fruit; but in that case man would have been, not a free moral agent, but a mere automaton. Without freedom of choice, his obedience would not have been voluntary.

18) What did the pair do in the Garden of Eden?

**Genesis 2:15** And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to \_\_\_\_\_ it and to keep it.

Their occupation was not wearisome, but pleasant and invigorating. God appointed labor as a blessing to man, to occupy his mind, to strengthen his body, and to develop his faculties. In mental and physical activity Adam found one of the highest pleasures of his holy existence. And when, as a result of his disobedience, he was driven from his beautiful home and forced to struggle with a stubborn soil to gain his daily bread, that very labor, although widely different from his pleasant occupation in the garden, was a safeguard against temptation and a source of happiness.

The holy pair were not only children under the fatherly care of God but students receiving instruction from the all-wise Creator. They were visited by angels, and were granted communion with their Maker, with no obscuring veil between. They were full of the vigor imparted by the tree of life, and their intellectual power was but little less than that of the angels.

They would be constantly gaining new treasures of knowledge, discovering fresh springs of happiness, and obtaining clearer and yet clearer conceptions of the immeasurable, unfailing love of God.

Can you see what God intended for us?

Would you like to return to Eden?

When is the time to trust God at His Word?