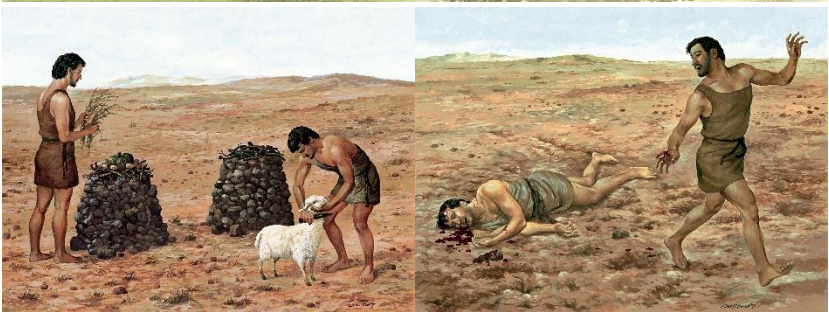
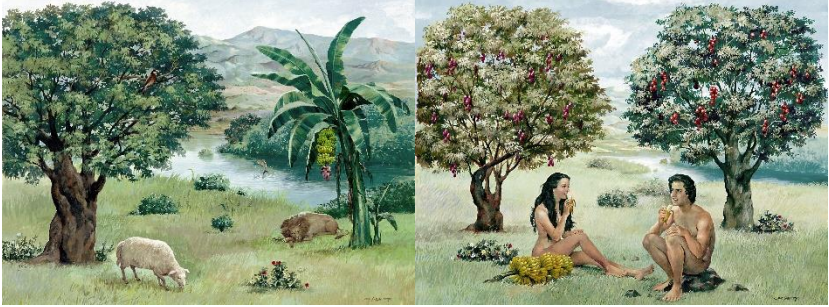


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Lesson 1 - God and His Creation

Is there really a God?

The Bible says in Genesis 1:1, “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.” This is the very first verse in the Bible.

Many people in the world today want to argue over the idea if there really is a God or not. There are many theories that men have created to try to prove that God does not exist. Did you know that there are more than 30,000 verses in the Bible, but not one of them ever tries to prove to men that God exists?

God is not threatened or afraid that there are some people who do not believe that He is real. God knows that He is real, and He gives us many evidences to show us that He is our Creator. However, God gives each of us the freedom to choose our own beliefs.

Will you believe in God or not? What do you believe that God is like? Do you believe that God created the world or that we got here by evolution? These are all questions that each of us must answer.

If you will decide to think that God created the Earth, you will have to believe that by faith. If you decide to think that man arrived on Earth by evolution, you will have to believe that by faith. The truth is that no human was present, way back in the beginning of time, to observe how the earth came into existence.

Thankfully, God does not make us try to figure all these things out by ourselves. God has written a Bible to tell us about Himself, how He created the world, why He made us, and how we can know Him in a personal way.

Many people who don't believe the Bible have never even read it. Whether you believe the Bible is true or not, would it not be wise

to at least read it first and then decide if you think it is true? Let us look at what the Bible says, and then you can decide for yourself whether you will believe God or not.

Where did God come from?

Every person that you know has a birthday. Everything that you see had a beginning. Nothing in this world has ALWAYS existed. You may have a tree in the garden at your house, but that tree did not exist until somebody planted it in the ground. You have parents and grandparents that are older than you, but there was a time, 200 years ago, when they did not yet exist.

The Bible tells us that God is different from this. God is the only ONE who has always existed. God was never born. God was living before there was a planet called Earth. God was alive before there was a Sun shining in the sky. There are not many Gods, there is only ONE true God.

God says in Psalm 90:2, “Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.”

Nobody created God. Nobody lived before Him. Nothing existed before Him. God is the Creator, and He has always existed.

What is God Like?

One of the greatest reasons that God gave us the Bible was to tell us what He is like. The Bible is filled with so many truths about God that we can't possibly learn all of them right now, but we can learn a few of them.

God is Eternal. We know that God was never born, and we know that God will never die. The Bible says in Revelation 1:8, "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty."

God is a Trinity, three Persons in One. The Bible teaches about God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. All Three of these are equal. All Three of these are God. All Three of these are different, but all Three of these are ONE. The Bible says in I 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."

God is a Spirit, and therefore, He is different than men. He does not have a body of flesh and bones, and you cannot see Him. God does not need air to breathe, food to eat, or water to drink.

The Bible says in John 4:24, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

God is Self-sufficient. God does not need anything to keep on existing.

The Bible says in Isaiah 40:28, "Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding."

God is Sovereign. This means that God is in control of all things. The Bible says in Psalms 83:18, “That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth.”

God is Holy, and without any sin. The Bible says in Psalms 99:9, “Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy hill; for the LORD our God is holy.”

God is Love. He loves every person in the world and wants us all to be in a right relationship with Him. The Bible says in John 3:16, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

The Creation of God

How long did it take God to make the world? There are many theories about what happened in the beginning of time. There are many ideas about how the earth was formed and many ideas about how life began. However, God has given us the answers to these things in the Bible, if we will choose to believe His Word.

The Bible says in Genesis 1:1, “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”

The Bible goes on in the first two chapters of Genesis to tell us that God created everything in six days.

The word ‘create’ means to “make something out of nothing”. Man has NEVER created anything. If you want to build a house, you need to gather some materials. If you want to make a meal, you must first get the ingredients. Everything we make comes from other resources.

The Bible says that God simply spoke the words, and the world came into existence! God is a powerful God.

The Bible says in Jeremiah 32:17, “Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee.”

What did God make first?

When God made the earth, He told us in Genesis 1:2 that it was formless and empty. The earth did not look like it does today. There was no dry land, there was no light, and there was no life. The entire earth was covered with water until God began to shape and fill it with His creation.

Day One – God created Light. In Genesis 1:3-5, God simply gave the commandment and created the light. God did not start a fire, or turn on a flash light, He just commanded, and light was created. God then divided the light from the darkness, and called the light, Day, and called the darkness, Night.

Day Two – God created the Firmament in Genesis 1:6-8. The firmament is what we often refer to as the atmosphere. The air that we breathe is necessary for our life! Did you ever stop breathing for a minute and wonder what it would be like if all the air was taken away? Did you know that God is the One who controls the very air that you breathe? He created the air and sky on the second day of Creation.

Day Three – God created the Land, Seas, and Plants in Genesis 1:9-13. On this day of creation, God formed the dry land that we call the Earth. God separated the water that we call Oceans and Seas and set a boundary between the dry land and the water.

God then commanded the grass to grow and plants and trees to be brought to life. God made the plants to produce seeds with life inside them that would produce more plants just like themselves. Only God has the power and wisdom to do such marvelous things.

Day Four – God created the Sun, Moon, and the Stars in Genesis 1:14-19. Our planet Earth is part of a massive Universe that scientists will never be able to completely explore or understand. God made so many stars that He tells us that we will never be able to count them. The universe is so vast that we will never see even half of it, yet God is greater than the universe, for He created it.

The Bible says in Jeremiah 23:24, “Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.”

Day Five – God created Fish and Birds in Genesis 1:20-23. In just one day, God filled the entire earth and sky with countless varieties of birds and fish, as large as whales and as small as sparrows! God not only made all of these, but the Bible tells us that He knows what happens to every sparrow (tiny bird) in Luke 12:6. It is amazing to think that God made and cares for all of His creation with such power and love.

Day Six – God created Animals and Man in Genesis 1:24-28. Even though God made both animals and man on the same day, it is very important to understand the difference that God put between animals and man. Although there are some ways that animals and man are similar, there is one major difference that separates the two.

God says that He made man in His image, and God made man to have rule over the animals and the entire earth. God created every person with a Body, Soul, and a Spirit. The spirit of a man was

created by God, allowing man the ability to know God and communicate with Him. In this regard, people are very different than animals. God desires that we would understand more from His Bible about how we can enjoy this relationship with Him.

Day Seven – God rested on the seventh day. When God created the Earth, it was free from disease, sickness, sin and death. Everything that God had made, He declared to be good. But when God made man, He did not just say it was good; He said it was very good! When God was finished, everything was perfect. Everything God made was so He could give the very best to man. God loves man and desires to have a relationship with man. When God was done with His creation work, He rested.

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Lesson 2 - Life Before Sin

Did you ever wonder what it would be like to live in a perfect world? Wouldn't it be wonderful to live in a world where no one ever experienced trouble, sickness, disease, or death? Imagine a world that had no poverty, no struggle of war between nations, no criminals, and no tragedies. It is impossible for us understand exactly how a world like that would look, because the only world that we have ever experienced has been filled with these very things.

The Bible tells us in Genesis 1:31 that in the beginning, everything that God created was 'very good'. After God created Adam, He put him in a perfect world, in the Garden of Eden. In this garden, God placed all the vegetables and fruits that man would need to be strong, healthy, and happy.

The earth's weather was perfectly controlled by a mist that came up from the ground to provide water for all the plants. It never was too hot, too dry, too cold, or too wet. The animals lived in perfect harmony with each other and with Adam. God had provided for every need that man would have. Everything was perfect! God made all of this for Adam, because He loved him.

The Bible says in Genesis 2:8, "And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed."

God didn't ask Adam where he would like to live. God was the One who had made Adam, and God had the authority to put him where He wanted him, and to tell him what He wanted him to do.

Did your father or mother ever plant a vegetable garden at your house? What would they do if all the neighbors came, without

asking, and began to take the food that grew in the garden? Does anyone have a right to come to your property and take the things that you own? Of course not!

We need to understand that God is the maker and the owner of all things! Most people do not want to allow God to tell them how to live. However, since God made the world and God made you, God has the right to do whatever He wants. God has the right to tell us what to do. God has the right to tell us how we ought to live.

The Choice of Life or Death

With every privilege comes responsibility. God had given to man the greatest privilege in all the world. He created a perfect world for him to dwell in and had made provision for his every need. God gave Adam the job to take care of the Garden of Eden. This was not a difficult task, because everything was perfect.

It is interesting though that even in a perfect world, God gave Adam work to do, because it is good for a man to work! One of the best things that you can do for yourself is to learn to be a diligent, hard worker. Man can accomplish some amazing things when he works diligently at a task. If you have the physical strength to work, you ought to give thanks to God, and go do some work!

God created two trees in the middle of the Garden of Eden; one was called the Tree of Life, and the other was called the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

The Bible says in Genesis 2:16-17, “And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”

When Adam was first created, he was innocent and able to live without having to choose to sin. God wanted Adam to have what was good, and God wanted to guide Adam to make wise choices. God gave clear instructions to Adam. God did not leave it up to Adam to decide what was right, and what was wrong.

God gave Adam all the trees in the garden to eat from. However, there was one tree God said he should not eat. Allowing Adam to eat of all the trees shows God's goodness. Putting one tree in the garden and forbidding Adam to eat of it gave Adam the right to choose. God warned Adam that if he ate from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil that he would surely die.

It was never God's desire for Adam to die. In fact, God made Adam with the ability to live forever, without sickness or death. But God also made Adam with a special freedom to be able to choose his own destiny. God placed Adam in a perfect world, He gave Adam clear instructions of what to do and what not to do, He warned Adam of the consequences if he disobeyed, and He came each day to spend time with Adam.

Now, the choice belonged to Adam, to see if he would choose to obey and please God or if he would choose to fulfill his own desires and ignore God's instructions.

God is still the same today. He has not left us on our own to try to decide what is right and wrong. He has given us a Bible to tell us what He wants us to do, and what He does not want us to do. God has given us the warning, that there are consequences for our sin.

The Bible says in Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Just as God warned Adam, He has warned us that we too will face the consequence of death because of our choices to sin against God. In the next lesson we will discover what God meant when He told Adam that he would die for his sin.

The Creation of the Family

There are many different ideas today about marriage and families. Some people think that a marriage can be between a man and a woman, others believe it is ok to have more than one husband or wife, others believe it is ok for two men to be married, while others just live together and don't believe that marriage is even necessary.

Did you know that God is the One who began the institution of marriage and families? If we will allow the Bible to shape our ideas, we will understand what God thinks about marriage, and how a family ought to be put together.

The Bible says in Genesis 2:18, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him."

God was Adam's Creator, and He knew that Adam needed a wife to make him complete. God knew that Adam would not be perfectly fulfilled if he remained alone. God brought all the animals to Adam, to show Adam that not one of the animals could provide the companionship that Adam needed.

When Adam realized that he was without a companion, God then put Adam to sleep, and took one of his ribs, and formed a woman to be his wife.

God made the first woman as a gift for man, and He expected Adam to take good care of her and to love her. Marriage was God's perfect plan for Adam and Eve. They were perfectly

designed to complete one another and together to become all that God wanted them to be.

Even though thousands of years have passed since God made the first man and woman and began the institution of marriage, God still has not changed His mind or His rules about marriage. It is still God's definition that a family is one man and one woman, lawfully united together in marriage, for the purpose of training up children to know, love, serve, and worship God.

It doesn't matter what your culture is, where you live, or what color your skin is; God's rules are the same for EVERYONE. If we would simply follow God's rules about marriage and families, we would have far less problems in our world today!

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Lesson 3 - Sin Enters the World

The Deceitfulness of Satan

The events recorded in Genesis Chapter 3 are some of the saddest and most important truths in the Bible for us to understand. We know that God had placed Adam and Eve in a perfect, beautiful Garden. There was no sickness, disease, trouble, or worries. Adam and Eve had a perfect friendship with each other, and they were in perfect fellowship with God. God had given them one command; they were not to eat of the fruit of the Tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The Bible says in Genesis 3:1, “Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?”

Satan is the enemy of God, and he knew that God had commanded Adam not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Satan hates God and he hates everything that God has made, so he made a plan to try to destroy Adam and Eve.

Satan then took upon himself the form of a serpent and entered into the Garden of Eden and began to talk with Eve. His plan was to trick her and make her think that she didn't really need to obey God's command. Watch how Satan succeeded in tricking Eve to sin against God.

When Satan found Eve, he asked her if God had really said that they could not eat of every tree in the garden. Satan already knew that God had told Eve not to eat from a certain tree in the Garden. He was not looking for information from Eve, he was trying to confuse her and make her question God's instructions. He was

trying to cause her to doubt God's Word. Eve should have ended the conversation immediately, but instead, she thought about Satan's question.

When Satan saw that he had succeeded in causing Eve to question what God had said, he then boldly suggested to Eve that God was really lying to her. In Genesis 3:4, Satan told Eve, "ye shall not surely die."

God had clearly warned Adam and Eve that they WOULD DIE if they ate from the tree, and now Satan insists to Eve that she would NOT die. Now Eve had to make a choice if she would believe what God had said, or if she would believe what Satan had said.

Once Satan had her attention, he then suggested to Eve that God was being unfair and trying to keep her and Adam from becoming gods themselves.

The Bible says in Genesis 3:5, "For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."

Now the Devil had deceived her. She began to look at the fruit on the tree, and she thought about how good it would taste. She began to think about how unfair God was really being by not allowing them to eat this fruit. She thought about how wonderful it would be to be as wise as God. The longer she thought about these things, the easier it became to believe Satan and to doubt God.

In a moment of weakness, she took the fruit and ate it, and then shared it with Adam. Together they sinned by breaking God's commandment.

Satan is still a liar and a deceiver today. The Bible says in John 8:44 that Satan is the Father of all lies. Satan's desire is to trick you about what is right and wrong and to help you choose to doubt and disobey God's commands.

The Devil will encourage you to lie, steal, kill, cheat, smoke, drink beer, use drugs, commit fornication, and many other things. The Devil wants you to believe that you should put yourself first and do whatever is necessary to bring pleasure to your life. The Devil wants you to believe that real pleasure and joy in life is found in doing the things that God has forbidden. He wants you to believe that the Bible is a book of lies that God has written to make your life miserable. The real question is who will you believe? God or Satan. Who will you serve? God or Satan.

The Bible says in Hebrews 11 that there is pleasure in sin for a short time. It really is fun for a little while to do some of the things that God has commanded you not to do. However, there is a very high price to pay for choosing to sin against God.

God has warned us in Romans 6:23 that "the wages of sin is death". Did you know that you will receive a paycheck for choosing to sin against God? God says that the paycheck for your sin is death!

The Death of Man

God told Adam and Eve that they would surely die if they ate from the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. What did God mean when He said this? After Adam and Eve ate the fruit of the tree, they did not drop dead immediately. They were still able to think and they even tried to hide their sin from God. Did this mean that Satan was right, God had lied, and they would not die? Certainly not!

The Bible says in Isaiah 59:2, “But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.”

What does it mean to die? It is important to understand that, according to the Bible, death is separation. When God told them that they would die, He was saying that now for the first time ever, man would experience separation. This separation comes in two forms, both physical and spiritual.

There is the physical separation that happens when a person dies. Adam and Eve did not immediately drop dead physically, but there was a day when they both died, and they were separated from their families physically by death.

Physical vs. Spiritual Death

We see physical death take place all of the time. Every one of us has experienced the terrible pain of separation that comes when a person dies. Did you know that if Adam and Eve had not sinned, they would have never experienced physical death.

The Bible says in Romans 5:12, “By one man, sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.” The reason that we will all die physically, is because we are all sinners, just like Adam.

There is another death that God was speaking about in these verses, and that is a spiritual death. This spiritual death is talking about a spiritual separation between man and God. In other words, when Adam and Eve sinned, they were no longer able to have the same relationship with God as they did before. Because of their sin, there was now a wall of separation between man and God.

After they ate the fruit, their eyes were opened, and they were afraid of God. When they heard God coming, they tried to hide themselves from Him, because they knew they had disobeyed.

For the first time ever, there was separation between God and man. They could no longer enjoy spending time with God, because they had violated His law. Before they sinned, they had relied on God to provide for all their needs; but now they had to try to take care of themselves, because they were afraid of God.

Ever since the first sin in the Garden of Eden, there has been terrible fear in the hearts of people everywhere. Ultimately all these fears come as a consequence for our own sin and spiritual separation from God. When we are born into this world, we are already spiritually separated from God. This is why Jesus taught that a man must be born again!

The Bible teaches that the ultimate spiritual separation from God will come after you leave this earth.

Revelation 20:15 says, “Whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”

God has prepared a place called the lake of fire, where He will place every person who is spiritually separated from Him. This lake of fire will be a place of eternal separation from God. It will be impossible to ever get out of this lake of fire once God has sent you there.

The good news is that God loves you very much! It is not the desire of God to have to put anyone into this lake of fire, and so He has made a way for us to be made right with God, before we leave this earth.

The Bible says in 2 Peter 3:9 that “God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” We will explain more in another lesson about how we can make things right with God.

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Lesson 4 - God's Promise and Curse

God Will Expose Our Sin

We have already learned that God created Adam and Eve to know Him and enjoy a wonderful relationship with Him. He placed them in a perfect garden, and provided everything that they could need.

In spite of all the goodness of God; they still made a choice to believe that God was hiding something from them, and they chose to disobey Him, and eat the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Immediately, after they sinned, they felt guilt and shame in their soul for the very first time. As a result, they tried to cover their nakedness and tried to hide from God.

The Bible says in Genesis 3:8, “And they heard the voice of the Lord God, walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden.”

Even though they chose to sin against God, God still loved them. Because God loved them, He came to find them and talk to them about the wrong choice that they had made. God loved them too much to allow them to continue trying to hide their sin from Him.

There are many strange ideas about love today. Many people believe that if you love someone, you could never bring them shame by dealing with sinful choices in their life. However, God is love, and God always confronts His children about the sin in their lives! If God had never come and found them, and made them face their sin, they would have lived a miserable life of guilt and fear. They would have always been trying to hide from their Creator.

The Bible says in Genesis 3:9, “And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, where art thou?”

When God came to speak to them about their disobedience, He first began to call for Adam. God had given Adam the command to not eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, and Adam was responsible to make sure that he and his wife obeyed God’s command.

But when God asked Adam if he had eaten of the fruit of the tree, he immediately blamed his sin on Eve. When God asked Eve why she had eaten the fruit, she immediately blamed her sin on the serpent. Nobody wanted to accept the responsibility for their wrongdoing.

People today are very much the same as Adam and Eve. We have mastered the skill of defending ourselves by lying about our actions, and by blaming our sinful choices on someone else.

God did not accept their response though. He made them each face the consequences for their own sinful choices. When you sin, you must realize that God will not overlook that, nor will He put the blame on someone else. You are guilty before God for your own sins, and He has determined a judgment for each of us, because of our sin against Him.

God’s Curse Upon Sin

The Bible says in Genesis 3:17-19, “And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the

sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.”

So what was the judgment that God placed upon them because of their sin? God cursed the earth to make it difficult for Adam to plant and grow food. His work would no longer be as enjoyable as God had originally planned, but now his work in the field would be hard and his job to provide food for his family would be difficult. We can still see the effect of this curse all around us today.

In Genesis 3:16, we read about the curse that God put upon the woman. Because of Eve’s sin, she was going to experience great pain and sorrow in childbirth, and she would live in submission to her husband’s authority.

The result of this curse is God’s promise that Adam would return to the dust. In other words, Adam was going to slowly struggle and eventually face physical death. We ought to remind ourselves often that we are made from dust, and one day our physical bodies will return to the dust. We must realize that there is much more to life than our physical existence. We need to come into a spiritual relationship with the Eternal God!

The reality of the curse upon the earth and upon man and woman is undeniable. We have all experienced the pain of this curse, and we continue to experience it every day that we live. God had never intended for there to be sickness, sorrow, struggling, and death to come upon the human race.

It has only come as a result of our sin against a holy, loving God. Every time you struggle with sickness, or with providing food for your family, or with the death of a loved one, you ought to remind yourself of the awful price of your sin. Genesis chapter 3 is indeed

a very sad chapter, but at least it does offer a wonderful glimmer of hope. Despite the awful destruction that our sin has brought into each of our lives, there is a promise of hope that God gives in the midst of this curse upon sin.

God's Promise of Salvation

In Genesis 3:15, the Bible says, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

God is speaking to the Devil who had used the body of a serpent to speak to Eve and deceive her and tempt her to sin against God. God promises that the human race and the devil's kingdom would be enemies of one another. Certainly, this is true. The devil has no greater desire than to deceive you and destroy you, just as he did with Adam and Eve.

God also promised that the seed of the woman would crush the head of the devil, and that in the process the devil would wound the seed of the woman. The seed of the woman is a prophecy of Jesus Christ, who was born about 4000 years after Eve lived. Indeed, Jesus Christ was wounded when He died on the cross to pay for the sins of the world. However, when Jesus was raised again from the dead after 3 days, He destroyed, once and for all the power of the devil.

This is indeed a beautiful promise that we don't have to live in bondage to sin and the devil anymore, because Jesus Christ can give us the victory. If you are still living in bondage to your lusts and the will of the devil, you need to know that Jesus Christ wants to give you the victory over sin and over death. You can come into a real relationship with the living God and find true freedom in Him.

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Lesson 5 - The Birth of Cain and Abel

The Gift of Life

After God announced the curse upon Adam and Eve for their sin against Him, He then removed them permanently from the Garden of Eden. Life became very different and very difficult for Adam and Eve because of their rebellion against God.

Adam and Eve began to labor to grow their own food and provide the necessities of life. No longer did they enjoy the wonderful provision from God, as they had in the Garden of Eden.

However, in the process of time, God did bless their family with the birth of two sons, Cain and Abel. In Genesis 4:1, the Bible says, “And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord.”

Adam and Eve recognized that the birth of their son, and the gift of life, was a gift from God Himself. It would do us well to remember that ALL life is a gift from God. We do not have a right to choose whether we will keep or destroy human life. God alone has the power to give human life, and God alone has the authority to take away human life.

Although the birth of these boys was indeed a great gift from God, they also did receive the curse of the sin nature of their father Adam. The Bible says in Psalm 51:5, “Behold I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.”

God’s Word teaches us that every child inherits a sin nature from his father, at the very moment of conception. This sin nature is a deceitful, wicked, love for sin that is bound in the heart of every person.

As a little baby is born into the world, every parent thinks about how sweet and innocent their little child is. However, it does not take long to realize that in every sweet little baby is a sinful heart capable of committing great acts of sin, violence, and wickedness against God and others. The story of Cain and Abel demonstrates the sad reality of the wicked sin nature that is bound in the heart of every person.

Will you Agree with God?

As the boys, Cain and Abel, grew older, they began to develop skills to survive and provide the needs of life. Cain began to grow fruits and vegetables in the garden, and Abel began to raise sheep.

The Bible says in Genesis 4:3-5, “And in process of time it came to pass that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground, an offering unto the Lord. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock, and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering: but unto Cain, and to his offering, he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.”

Both boys had been instructed by their parents that they were to worship the Lord with an offering. It was a good thing for Cain and Abel to bring an offering to the Lord. However, God did not want just any kind of an offering. God had given Adam clear instructions that the offering to the Lord was to be a blood sacrifice of an innocent animal.

Abel followed the instructions and brought a sheep for his offering to the Lord. As he killed the sheep and burned it on the altar, it was a picture that the only way for sin to be paid for was by the shedding of innocent blood.

The Bible says in Hebrews 9:22, “without shedding of blood is no remission (of sin).”

However, not just any blood of any animal can pay the price for our sin. The Bible also says in Hebrews 10:4, “It is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sin.”

In order to pay for the price of man’s sin, there needed to be the sacrifice of a perfect man’s blood. The only perfect man that has ever lived on this earth is the God-Man, Jesus Christ. He came with one purpose, to give His life as a ransom for many.

Abel’s offering of a sheep did not really pay for his sin but was a picture that he believed that one day the innocent Lamb of God (Jesus Christ) would sacrifice His own body and blood to pay for the sins of the world. As Abel gave his offering to God, God was well pleased with his faith and obedience and accepted the offering from him.

Cain also brought an offering, but he did not follow God’s instructions. He gave no regard to God’s instructions to bring an animal sacrifice and chose instead to bring some fruits and vegetables that he had grown in his garden.

Apparently, Cain believed that the good motive of his heart to bring an offering to God should be the only thing that mattered. However, the Bible says that God did not accept the offering from Cain. Cain was quite displeased with God when he saw that he was not accepted with God, but that his brother Abel was.

Cain was acting in a similar manner to many people that live today. God has given very clear instructions that the only way to come to Him is by faith in Jesus Christ. However, there are great numbers of people today who are hoping to be accepted with God

because of their baptism, church attendance, good works, or some other religious exercise.

Jesus Christ said in John 14:6, “No man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” God’s way is very clear, and Cain should have agreed with God and followed His instructions. God’s way for us is also very clear. Will you agree with God?

Cain Murders Abel

The Bible says in Genesis 4:8, “And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him”.

God took the time to give Cain more clear instruction about how to bring a proper offering, however, Cain rejected God’s offer of help and killed his brother Abel! Cain was selfish and disobedient. His attitude turned into hatred and murder. Since we know Abel’s offering was accepted by God, we know he went to be with God in Heaven.

The Bible says in Genesis 4:9-11, 16, “And the Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother’s keeper? And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother’s blood crieth unto me from the ground. And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother’s blood from thy hand; ... And Cain went out from the presence of the Lord, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden”.

Although God asked this question to Cain, he already knew the answer and wanted Cain to confess. Any evil committed against another person is also committed against God, because He is the creator of all people.

Cain still would not listen to God and was removed from God's presence. He followed Satan's ways refusing to change his attitude toward God and toward his disobedience. He never admitted his guilt and need of forgiveness. As a result, he was never accepted by God. When he died his spirit was forever separated from God and placed in the Lake of Fire.

Cain should be a warning to all people. We don't want to make the same choices Cain made. He was stubborn and selfish. He lost his opportunity to be with God after death. His decision was very foolish.

Let us think about a branch that has been broken off from the tree. It will die when it is separated from the life it received from the tree. There is no way to join a dead branch back onto the tree so it will live again.

Likewise, man is born separated and "detached" from our source of life, who is God. Most people spend their lives trying to find a way to "reattach" themselves to the source of spiritual life, but there is absolutely nothing we can do on our own to restore us to God. Disobedience has broken us off from God just like the limb was broken off the tree.

God rejected Adam and Eve's clothing and God rejected Cain's offering because they tried to be accepted by God with their own works. Only God was able to make a way so they would be accepted.

Every person born into this world is separated from God. However, God provided a way for all of mankind to be accepted by Him and after death live with Him for all eternity in Heaven. This is what the message of the Bible is all about.

God Gives Another Son

The Bible says in Genesis 4:25, “And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.”

God gave Adam and Eve another child named Seth. God promised to send a Savior and would have come through the line of Abel, but Satan guided Cain to kill Abel. Satan tried in every way to hinder God’s plan to send the Savior, but no one can fight against God and win. God planned to bring the Savior through Seth’s lineage.

Do you think Adam and Eve’s descendants learned from their mistakes and poor choices? We will find out in our next lesson how good or bad they became.

*** Answer the questions on page 43 ***

Lesson 6 - Noah's Flood

The Disobedience of Man

In the last lesson, we learned that after Cain murdered Abel, God gave Adam and Eve another child by the name of Seth. The descendants of Seth believed God and continued to look for the coming Savior, promised by God in the Garden of Eden.

Noah, a descendant of Seth, lived about 1,500 years after God created Adam. Noah had three children by the names of Shem, Ham, and Japheth. By the time of Noah, there was a large population living on the earth, possibly three billion people.

Most of the people were only interested in following the ways of Cain. Most of the people were wicked, and their thoughts were evil all the time.

The Bible says in Genesis 6:5, "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

God used Noah to tell the people to turn from their sin and trust in God, but they refused to listen to Noah. They were proud, self-centered, and boastful. They were covetous, which means they wanted what other people possessed. They were jealous and hateful to other people. They argued and fought all the time. They were cruel to each other. They continually gossiped and said evil things about others behind their backs. They were unrestrained in their sexual passions.

The earth was corrupt and full of violence. Who do you think was behind all this evil? Who do you think wanted to corrupt and

destroy man, so the Savior could not be born? Of course, it was Satan.

God saw all their sin. They may have hidden their lies, adultery, stealing, and murder from others, but none of it was hidden from God. God sees everything.

No one can hide from God. He knows our thoughts, and hears every word we speak, and knows the motives of our hearts.

The Bible says in Genesis 6:3, “And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.”

God would not allow this situation to last forever. He saw and hated the disobedience of these people, but He also loved and wanted to change them. To be accepted they would have to admit they were wrong and believe God.

The inward change would express itself outwardly by coming to God in the way He instructed Adam and Eve. That is, to offer a lamb as a sacrifice like Abel did. God said he would give the people 120 years to repent, and if they would not repent, then He would judge them.

The Great Patience of God

God was grieved at the behavior and the attitude of people on the earth. They made the situation intolerable for God.

The Bible says in Genesis 6:6, “And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.”

Man was so corrupt that God decided to destroy man and start over with Noah and his family. Noah was born separated from God and

under Satan's control just like all of Adam's descendants. Noah did not deserve to be saved by God. He too, deserved to be punished, but Noah believed God and came to Him like Abel, bringing the blood of animals.

The Bible says in Genesis 6:8, "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord."

God forgave and accepted Noah. God saved Noah and his family from judgment because they believed Him! God revealed to Noah that He was going to send a great flood which would cover the whole earth.

He instructed Noah to build a large boat, called an ark, so that all those who believed God would be saved. There was only one way to get inside the ark. God instructed Noah to build one door.

Every person and every animal that was to be saved from God's judgment had to come into the ark by this one door. God was going to use the ark to be a picture of what the coming Savior was going to do.

The Savior would rescue man from evil, Satan, and death. God was only going to send one Savior, just like there was only one ark with one door. We will study more about this in a later lesson.

Noah was obedient to God. He did everything just as God had commanded him.

The Bible says in Genesis 6:22, "Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he."

While Noah built the ark, he warned the people that a flood was coming to destroy the earth. He also told the people about God's

way to escape the coming judgment. How many people do you think believed him? No one, but his own family.

The Bible says in Genesis 7:1-5, “And the Lord said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation. Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female. Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth. For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth. And Noah did according unto all that the Lord commanded him.”

Noah had warned the people of God’s coming judgment. They did not repent. God waited 120 years for them to repent, but the time came when He would wait no longer. It was time for God to judge them.

God caused all the animals to come to Noah. He did not have to go hunting for them on a safari. Then, God commanded Noah and his family, with the animals to enter the ark through the one door.

The Destruction of the World

The Bible says in Genesis 7:15-16, “And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life. And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in.”

When God shut the door, it was too late for anyone else to get into the ark. Those inside the ark were safe from God’s coming judgment. Those outside the ark had no way to escape God’s

judgment. He made it rain for forty days and nights until the whole earth was covered with water, even above the highest mountains.

It is very sad to think about all those people dying, because they rejected God. God wanted to accept them, but He only accepts those who believe Him.

The Bible says in Hebrews 11:6, “Without faith, it is impossible to please Him.”

After the 40 days of rain, the water covered the earth for another 150 days. So for 190 days (more than 6 months), the earth was covered with water. No one could survive that long by floating on a piece of wood without food.

Everyone who had refused to believe God was outside the ark and had been destroyed. Only Noah and his family believed God and were saved from His judgment. God is patient with man. He waited 120 years for them to repent of their evil ways. They simply refused to believe God.

God Restores the Earth

The Bible says in Genesis 8:1-4, “And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged; The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained; And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated. And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.”

God protected Noah and his family, with the animals, inside the ark from the flood. God sent a strong wind to begin the evaporation process that helped the waters to recede. Finally, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. These mountains are in the present day country of Turkey along the border with Armenia and Georgia.

It took another 6 months for the earth to dry completely. Once the earth was dried from the flood, Noah and his family, and all the animals came off the ark. This must have been totally different from the world they had left before the flood. No neighbors, houses, or cities could be found. It was very quiet with only 8 people and a few animals inhabiting the entire planet.

God gave Noah and his sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, control over the animals, birds, and fish just as he had given it to Adam in the Garden of Eden. The world and everything in it belong to God, but He gave it to man to manage it for Him.

The rainbow was given as God's sign to show that He would never again destroy the whole earth by a flood. Many thousands of years have passed since the flood, and God has kept His word.

When you see a rainbow, remember that God gave the rainbow as a sign that He will never destroy the world by a flood again. God can be trusted!

*** Answer the questions on page 44 ***

Lesson 1 Questions

1. God created the heavens and the earth. True or False
2. It is possible to know God and have a personal relationship with Him. True or False
3. God was born about 20,000 years ago. True or False
4. List 3 things that describe what God is like, according to the Bible.
5. It took God 7,000 years to create the world? True or False
6. Man has 'created' many things. True or False
7. There is more than one true God. True or False
8. Match the following days of creation with the correct description of what God created each day.

Day One - _____ a. Sun, Moon, & Stars

Day Two - _____ b. Firmament

Day Three - _____ c. Animals & Man

Day Four - _____ d. Fish & Birds

Day Five - _____ e. Light

Day Six - _____ f. Land, Seas, & Plants

Day Seven - _____ g. God Rested

9. God declared the creation of _____ to be very good.

Lesson 2 Questions

1. God created a perfect world for Adam and Eve to live in. True or False
2. Why did God have the authority to tell Adam how to live?
 - a. He was Adam's Creator
 - b. He was smarter than Adam
 - c. He was bigger than Adam
3. God created a _____ world for Adam and Eve and provided for their _____ need.
4. God warned Adam of the _____ if he disobeyed.
5. God gave Adam work to do....
 - a. Because He hated Adam
 - b. Because He wanted to make life difficult for Adam
 - c. Because He knew that work was good for Adam
6. God gave clear _____ to Adam.
7. God has given us a _____ to tell us what He wants us to do.
8. What did God do that shows that God gives man the right to choose?
9. God's definition of a family is ...
 - A. One man and one woman sleeping together.
 - B. One man and one woman lawfully united together in marriage.
 - C. One man and four women with 20 children.

Lesson 3 Questions

1. God commanded Adam and Eve not to eat from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. True or False.
2. Satan appeared to Eve in the form of...
 - a. A Dove
 - b. A Monkey
 - c. A Serpent
3. Satan is the _____ of God.
4. Satan was talking to Eve because...
 - a. He wanted to know what God had said
 - b. He wanted to change his ways and follow God
 - c. He wanted to cause Eve to question God's command
5. God had already clearly warned Adam that they would die if they ate the fruit from the tree. True or False.
6. _____ wants you to put yourself first and do whatever is necessary to bring pleasure to your life. (Fill in the Blank)
7. God has warned us that the wages of sin is _____. (Fill in the Blank)
8. Adam and Eve dropped dead immediately after eating the forbidden fruit. True or False.
9. When Adam died spiritually he...
 - a. Tried to hide from God because he was afraid
 - b. Became like a god himself
 - c. Found real fulfillment in his own life
10. People that are spiritually dead will go to a real place called the lake of fire. True or False.

Lesson 4 Questions

1. Even though Adam and Eve had disobeyed and sinned against God, He still _____ them.
2. God _____ us, but He also confronts us about _____ in our lives.
3. When God asked Adam if he had eaten the forbidden fruit....
 - a. Adam honestly admitted his sin to God
 - b. Adam asked for God's forgiveness
 - c. Adam tried to blame someone else
4. God made Adam and Eve each face the _____ for their own sin. (Fill in the Blank.)
5. It is okay to defend our sin or blame it on someone else. True or False.
6. Match the appropriate consequences with the correct individual:

___ Adam	a. Crawl on his belly
___ Eve	b. Crushed by Jesus Christ
___ Serpent	c. Return unto the dust
___ Devil	d. Bring forth thorns
___ Earth	e. Pain in childbirth
7. The Devil wants to _____ you and _____ you.
8. You can find true freedom by joining a church. True or False.

Lesson 5 Questions

1. Every person that is born into this world begins life with a sin nature. True or False.
2. God accepted Abel's offering because...
 - a. It was bigger than Cain's offering
 - b. God loved Abel more than Cain
 - c. Abel followed God's instructions for the offering
3. God rejected Cain's offering because...
 - a. Cain failed to honor his ancestors
 - b. Cain refused to follow God's instructions
 - c. God doesn't like fruits and vegetables
4. Cain was _____ that God had not accepted his offering. (Put the correct words in the blanks.)
5. Cain _____ God's offer of help and _____ his brother. (Put the correct words in the blanks.)
6. Cain never admitted his guilt and his need of forgiveness; therefore he was never _____ by God. (Put the correct word in the blank.)
7. Is there anything that you can do, apart from God, to restore yourself to God? Yes or No.

Lesson 6 Questions

1. By the time of Noah, most of the people on Earth were basically good people. True or False.
2. God told Noah to
 - a. Preach to the people about coming judgment
 - b. Baptize everybody so they could be forgiven
 - c. Pray to the ancestor for protection from judgment
3. God accepted Noah and his family because...
 - a. Noah attended the right church and wore the right uniform
 - b. Noah believed God
 - c. Noah followed God's laws
4. God loves everybody, so He doesn't care how much we sin, Sin as much as you want. True or False.
5. There were many doors to get inside the ark. True or False.
6. There is only one Savior who can take you to heaven. True or False.
7. God had Noah preach for _____ years before He sent the flood. (Fill in the blank.)
8. What promise did God give to remind us that He would never destroy the earth with a flood again? _____
9. Do you believe that God can be trusted? _____

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