

GOD MADE MAN

Genesis 1,2

Everything in the world that God made was beautiful and perfect. But there was one creation that was more special than all the rest. That was man.

On the sixth day of creation, when God made the animals, he also made man. Man was different from all the other living things, because man was made in the image of God. God said, "Let us make man in our own image, after our likeness." You will notice that God who is one, spoke of himself as more than one person. This is because he is showing us that he is three persons in one. In the creation of man, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, worked together. They wanted man to be made in their likeness. They gave man control over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and even other creature that lived on earth.

When God made man, he formed him out of the dust of the ground. Then God breathed the breath of life into the man, and man became a living soul. Though man was made on the same day as the animals, man was different from them. He was different because God made man like himself in many ways. Man could think and speak, and he could know God. Man was capable of knowing right from wrong. No animal had that ability. No animal can know God or communicate with him. God made man to be the ruler over all the rest of his creation.

God made all the beautiful and wonderful things on the earth. He gave them to man to care for and enjoy. God gave man all the plants and fruits for food. He called the man that he had made Adam.

But although the world was perfect in every way, Adam was lonely. The animals could not share the joys of the world with Adam, and they could not talk to Adam.

God knew that Adam was lonely, He said, "It is not good for man to be alone; I will make him an help meet for him." God brought all the animals and birds to Adam so that he could name them. Whatever Adam called an animal, that was its name. Adam named all the animals and birds, but among the animals and birds, there was not a companion for Adam. The Lord caused a deep sleep to come upon Adam. While Adam was sleeping, the Lord took a rib from Adam and closed up the spot from which he had taken the rib. Then the LORD took that rib and made woman from it. The Lord brought the woman to Adam.

When Adam saw the woman he said, "This now is bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh, I will call her woman, because she was taken out of man."

The LORD said, "A man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." The LORD told the man and women to be fruitful, and to have children.

God gave the man and woman a beautiful place to live in the world, called the Garden of Eden. Every tree with fruit good for food grew there. In the middle of the garden grew the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. There was a river in the garden to water it. Nearby was a land of gold and onyx stone. The garden was a place of lush vegetation. It never rained in the garden because a mist went up from the ground at night a watered everything.

What a beautiful place the LORD had prepared for man. The LORD put him in the garden and told him to care for it. All things in it were for Adam and his wife to enjoy. The LORD said, "You may eat from every tree in the garden freely. 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."

The LORD had given Adam all this. It shouldn't be hard to obey just one small commandment, should it?

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Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother,
and shall cleave unto his wife;
and they shall be one flesh.

Genesis 2:24