

GENESIS –Lesson 9

Learn: Revelation 4:11

Read: Genesis 2: 15-25

1. God made man perfect in every way. He gave man the beautiful garden to live in and care for, the world of Adam was perfect in every way. What does Luke 12:48 (the last half of the verse) tell us?
2. When God put man in the garden, He gave him a moral test. What was it? v 17

We might ask the question, why did God create man, and place him in a time-space universe? God is and was complete in Himself. He did not need to create man. It is impossible to answer such a question apart from divine revelation. We ourselves are a part of this creation and are therefore in no position to judge our Creator. The fact that He created man is sufficient proof in itself that He had reason to do so. What God does must be right, and must be rational, by definition. –Dr. Henry Morris

3. What does Romans 9:20 say?
4. What do the following three verses tell us concerning God and our relation to Him?
I John 4:16-19

Revelation 4:11

Ephesians 2:7

Thus there can be no doubt that God's nature of love was central to His purpose in creating men and women. God choose to bestow His love on spiritual personalities other than the Godhead alone.

5. But love is a reciprocal relationship. What is necessary for love to be expressed in all its fullness?

6. What command did God give to man that tested man's attitude towards his Creator?
v 17
7. Adam was given the knowledge of good by God. What knowledge would be given by the forbidden tree?
8. What is the definition of evil?

Adam should have obeyed God merely as an expression of his love. But God, in grace, provided him still further incentive by giving clear warning of the necessary consequences of disobedience. Rejecting God's love would necessarily raise a barrier between God and man, and would break the sweet fellowship for which man was created. Since God was the source of life itself, real life is found only in communion and connection with divine life. The essence of death (the opposite of life) is therefore separation from God (the opposite of fellowship with God). "In the day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die."

The primary warning is undoubtedly that of spiritual death, or separation from God. But this also entails physical death, since God is the source of physical life as well as spiritual life. Literally, the warning could read: "Dying, thou shalt die!" The moment Adam disobeyed God, the principle of decay and death would begin to operate in his body; and, finally, this would overcome the built-in metabolic processes and he would go back to the dust from which his body was formed. Even though he continued functioning biologically for over 900 years, he died both spiritually and (in principle) physically the very day he rejected and disobeyed the word of God.

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9. What did God proclaim as missing in His creation? v 18
10. What two purposes did God show in bringing all the animals to Adam? vv 19, 20
Also see Genesis 1:27, 28
11. Though the physical elements were the same in both animals and man, what was really not possible between them? v 20

Why? Genesis 1:26, 27

12. What categories of animals did Adam name? v 20

What categories of animals that God had made did Adam not name?

See Genesis 1: 24, 26 for those which were excluded from Adam's list.

13. As the animals passed before Adam, probably with their mates, what would have he easily seen?

14. What do the following scriptures tell us about the formation of Eve?

I Timothy 2:13

I Corinthians 11:8

15. How was Eve formed? vv 21, 22

All other men have been born of woman, BUT the first woman was made from man.

16. What is the first human institution established by God? vv 23-25

17. How is the phrase "they shall be one flesh" pictured in God's creation of Eve?

18. Today we see a great assault on what God ordained as the first human institution.

What is the significance of this assault?