

Adam and his wife Eve

Introduction

1. God Almighty, as an eternal being, is the first personality identified in the scriptures.
2. God has a very special love and appreciation for the human race.
3. The second and third persons introduced in the Word of God are Adam, the first man and Eve his wife.
4. When God had concluded the enrichment and beautification of our earth, as the culminating act of creation, God announced his intent to create mankind. "God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth'" (*Genesis 1:26 NKJV*).
5. Our purpose in this lesson is to examine the lives of Adam and his wife Eve.

I. THE ORIGIN OF MAN:

A. Dust (*Genesis 2:7*)

1. The creation account reveals that God has unlimited power to create.
2. God's means of creating everything in our world was his spoken word: "God said," and what he spoke came into existence.
3. The creation of man is the exception to this rule. The scriptures say that "God formed man." (*Genesis 2:7*).
4. Later, Eve is fashioned from one of Adam's ribs (*Genesis 2:21-22 NKJV*).
5. Man was given dominion over God's creation (*Genesis 1:26*).

B. Spirit (Soul). (*Genesis 1:26-27; Ecclesiastes 12:7*)

1. Man is made both in the "**image**" and "**likeness**" of God (*Genesis 1:26*).
2. The term "image" means that man received an eternal spirit or soul like God.
3. How is man made in the likeness of God? Man shares the attributes of God which set him apart from other animal creations of God.
4. Mankind has a full measure of intelligence and memory, the ability to feel, a sense of beauty, the capacity to love and be loved, the potential for creativity, the ability to choose between right and wrong, and a conscience to cause us guilt when we do what we believe is wrong.
5. Man's true identity is not in our physical connection with the animal creation, but in the special qualities that link man to God our creator.

C. Flesh and Spirit are contrary to each other (*Galatians 5:16-17*).

II. ADAM'S ORIGINAL CIRCUMSTANCE:

A. Our first parents were placed in the Garden of Eden by God.

1. In the Garden, the peace and beauty of the whole creation were available for their enjoyment.
2. They had the benefit of the grace and favor of God, and life was very good. Adam and Eve enjoyed a life of holiness and happiness with God.

- B. Adam was given everything conducive to human happiness
 - 1. A home – the Garden of Eden
 - 2. Someone to love – Eve, his wife
 - 3. Someone to love him – Eve, his wife
 - 4. Something to do – “dress and keep the garden” (*Genesis 2:15*).
- C. Adam and Eve were innocent (*Genesis 2:25; Eccl. 7:29*).
- D. Adam was created with the power and privilege of free choice.
- E. Adam and Eve could continue to enjoy their special fellowship with God by choosing to respect and obey God’s will, or they could break their fellowship by choosing to disobey God.
- F. Man was given dominion over the earth and given everything in the world for his own use and enjoyment. Adam and Eve had only one prohibition from God (*Genesis 2:16-17 NKJV*).

III. THE FALL OF ADAM

- A. This scene was altered by the introduction of Satan into the world.
- B. In Genesis the third chapter we have an account of the sin and misery of our first parents, the wrath and curse of God against them, the peace of the creation disturbed, and its beauty stained and sullied forever (*Genesis 3:1-6*).
- C. What were the consequences of Adam and Eve’s sin?
 - 1) **Guilt and Shame** (*Genesis 3:7-8*)
 - 2) **Broken Relationships** (*Genesis 3:9-13*)
 - 3) **Spiritual Death** (*Genesis 3:22-24*)
 - 4) **Physical Suffering** (*Genesis 3:14-19*)
 - 5) **Physical Death** (*Genesis 3:19*)
- D. Man is a responsible creature (*Eccl. 12:13-14; Matthew 12:36-37; Romans 14:12; 2 Corinthians 5:10*).
- E. When God made man a free moral agent with the power to choose the course of his life, He also made man responsible for his actions.
- G. God offers man hope in Jesus Christ (*Genesis 3:16*).

IV. THE END OF THE STORY:

- A. God’s displeasure with the sin of Adam and Eve was evidenced by His expelling them from the paradise He had provided them.
- B. Adam and Eve were unfit to remain in the Garden of Eden because of their ingratitude toward God and their transgression of God’s will.
- C. They are reluctant to leave this place of happiness. Therefore, because of Adam’s unwillingness to depart their home, God drove them out (*Genesis 3:24 NASB*).

Questions

1. Why do you believe God has a special love and appreciation for mankind?
2. What is the dual nature of man?
3. How did God create Adam?
4. How did God create Eve?
5. What did man receive from God that no other creation received?
6. What dominion was Adam given and why?
7. Why are the flesh and spirit contrary to each other?
8. Describe Adam and Eve original circumstance?
9. What was Adam given for happiness?
10. How were Adam and Eve innocent?
11. What one prohibition was given to Adam? Why?
12. List the consequences of Adam and Eve's sin.
13. Why did God create man as a responsible creature?
14. What hope did God provide for Adam and all mankind?
15. What was the end of Adam and Eve's life in the Garden?