

Story #2 - Adam & Eve

From the dirt of the ground, Adam was created in the image of God. All alone in the Garden of Eden, God lovingly fashioned a companion from one of Adam's ribs to share his life in the garden. Adam called the woman "Eve." In the garden, Adam and Eve had everything they needed. They had no reason to be ashamed. Their relationship as man and wife was perfect. Their relationship with their Creator was perfect, too!

For some unspecified period, Adam and Eve lived in a world we have never experienced. It was a world untarnished by sin and death. By God's design, the first two chapters in the Bible present hearers of these stories with longing for the world as it once was. Can you imagine living in a world like that?

Read Genesis 2:5-25.

Main Talking Points

1. God made man on the sixth day and placed him in the Garden of Eden.
2. The man had a purpose and assigned work that he enjoyed doing. He was free to do anything he wanted—with one exception!
3. Quote Genesis 2:16b-17: **“From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.”**
4. The instructions God gave the man were very clear. If Adam obeyed God and did not eat from the tree, he would live. If Adam ate from the tree, he would die.
5. Quote Genesis 2:18: **“It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him.”**
6. God instructed the man to name all the animals who passed before him in pairs. The man realized that he was alone, without a mate, a helper.
7. The Lord caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While Adam was asleep, the Lord took a rib from his side.
8. A woman was fashioned from the rib God had removed from the man. Adam named her “Eve.”
9. The man and the woman had everything they needed in the Garden of Eden.
10. For an unknown period, Adam and Eve lived in perfect fellowship with each other and their Creator. Can you imagine living in that world?

Things To Think About

1. Genesis 2 is a microscopic look at the sixth day of Creation.
2. This story contains a covenantal agreement between God and mankind. It is a conditional covenant governed by an “if /then” formula. It required Adam’s obedience to remain in effect. Obedience to God’s covenant would have resulted in Adam’s continuation of life. **If** Adam disobeyed God, **then** he would die.
3. Everything the man needed was in the Garden of Eden except one thing, a helpmate.
4. God delivered the conditional conditions of life and death to Adam before Eve was created.

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