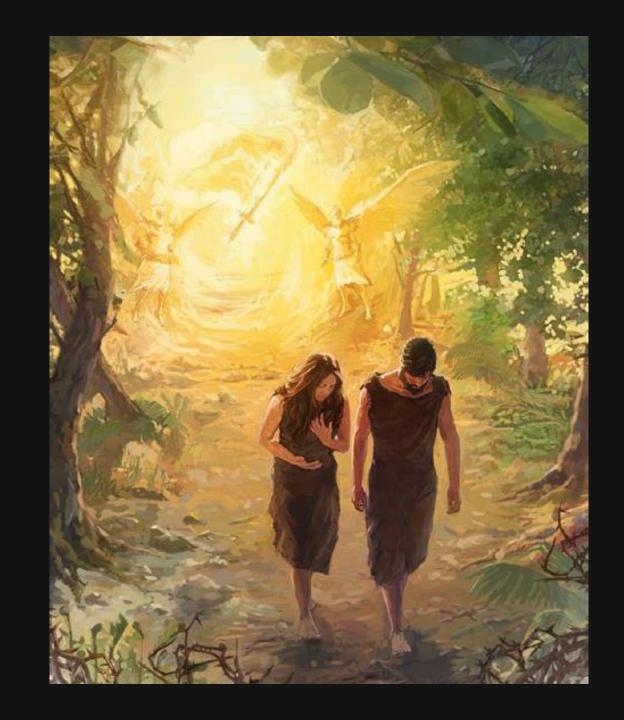
Foundations of Covenant July 23, 2025



- WHO WERE ADAM AND EVE? The first man and woman, created by God and placed upon the Earth.
- Genesis 1:26-27 (NIV) 26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.
- Genesis 2:7-8 (NIV) 7 the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. 8 Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed.

 God took dirt from the ground and breathed the breath of life into the dirt, and formed the man into a living being

 God's creation of humanity did not stop with man, He also created woman

• Genesis 2:18 (NIV) The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

- Genesis 2:21-25 (NIV) 21 So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. 22 Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. 23 The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." 24 For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. 25 The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.
- The man's name was Adam = "earthy or red"
- The woman's name was Eve = "life or living"
- In essence Eve was "the mother of all living"

WHY WERE ADAM AND EVE CREATED?

- A. To fellowship God and give Him pleasure
- B. To have dominion over everything God had made
- C. To have children and populate the Earth
- D. To be custodians of the Garden of God

• Genesis 2:8-9 (NIV) 8 Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. 9 And the LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground--trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil

POSITIVE ASPECTS OF LIFE INHERITED IN THE GARDEN

- Adam & Eve were PHYSICALLY ALIVE.
- Adam & Eve were SPIRITUALLY ALIVE.
- Adam & Eve inherited from creation SIGNIFICANCE.
- Adam & Eve inherited from creation SAFETY AND SECURITY
- Adam & Eve inherited from creation the sense of BELONGING.

THEY WERE LIVING IN A COVENANT AGREEMENT w/ GOD

- Genesis 2:16-17 (NIV) 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."
- God is the Creator and man is the creation
- God had given great honor privilege and responsibility to Adam
- Obedience would keep them in the God's fellowship & approval

WHAT WAS ADAM AND EVE'S RELATIONSHIP TO EACH OTHER SUPPOSED TO BE LIKE?

- Eve was to be Adam's "HELPER" one who would work with him.
- "Helper," one who does for us what we cannot do for ourselves
- One who meets our needs
- An "indispensable companion."
- The culmination was one flesh (v. 24) the complete unity of man and woman in marriage

THEY WERE TO HAVE A STRONG LOVE FOR EACH OTHER, SETTING AN EXAMPLE FOR HUSBANDS AND WIVES OF THE FUTURE.

- Genesis 2:23-24 (NIV) 23 The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." 24 For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.
- Not to "compete" but to "complete"
- "Leave" = to leave behind
- "Joined" = they are to "stick like glue
- Marriage is honored by God is between one man and one woman for one lifetime

AS A RESULT OF THIS LOVE, THEY WERE TO HAVE THE POWER OF CREATION.

- Genesis 1:28 (NIV) God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."
- Genesis 3:20 (NIV) Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living.
- Genesis 4:1 (NIV) Adam lay with his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, "With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man."

GOD'S PATTERN FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE HAS NOT CHANGED

- It Is Still The Most Beneficial And Blessed Means
 For People Who Want To Foster Godly Families And Offspring
- Man's only hope of redemption is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ the Son of God.