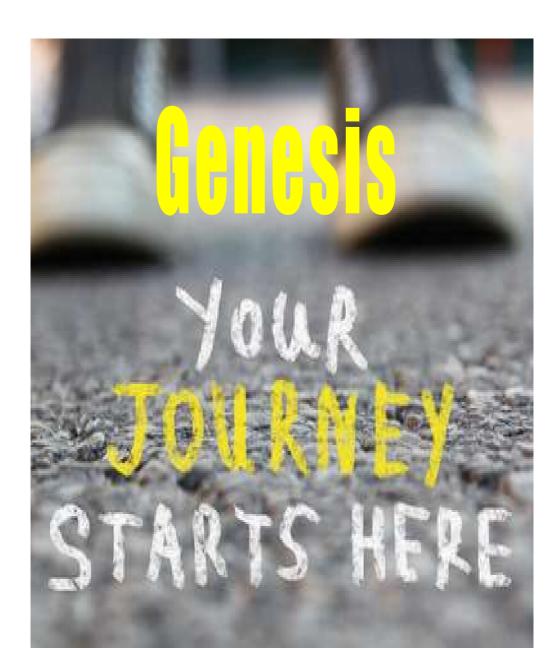
# Let's Worship God

24th-29th October 2022 Genesis





### Monday - Genesis 2:7-9 - Two Special Trees

Genesis 1 tells us about the creation of the world. Genesis 2 gives us a more detailed account of how God creates man. It shows God's amazing power that He turns dust into man. This should keep us humble when we remember that because we are descended from Adam, we too come from the dust of the ground. We are the clay, and God is the potter. Our bodies are His marvellous creation and should be valued. Even our souls are not our own but are the breath of God.

After making man, God takes care to make him happy. His first home is a garden. Adam doesn't need the shelter of a house for there is nothing to be sheltered from. Houses, like clothes, are necessary because of sin. Everything convenient is right there in the garden including all kinds of trees that don't just have good fruit but are also lovely. There are two special trees. The tree of life is a sign that life will continue; eating the fruit of this tree gives eternal life. (This tree reminds us that Christ is our tree of life - through belief in Him we can live forever.) The tree of the knowledge of good and evil is called this not because it increases knowledge, but, because of God's rule about the tree, Adam will know what good and evil are. What is good? It is good not to eat of this tree. What is evil? It is evil to eat of this tree. Also, if eaten, it will give Adam the experience of knowing what good he has lost and what evil he has gained.

### Questions

- 1. What did God make Adam out of?
- 2. What were the two special trees in the Garden?

### **Prayer Points**

- 1. Pray that we would be more humble as we learn who we are.
- 2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
- 3. Pray for family matters

# **Memory Verse**

The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. Genesis 1:2a

Praise: Psalm 64 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



### Tuesday - Genesis 2:10-17 - Work and Rules

In comparison to all the amazing and beautiful land around it, Eden is still better. God takes care of His garden to keep it watered, and He takes care of Adam to make him happy. Our happiness can only be found in God who knows us, loves us, and takes care of us. God gives Adam a job to do - he is to take care of the garden. Paradise isn't free from work; God hasn't made us to do nothing. God has given us a body and soul to work with and a world to work on for His honour. Everything we do is to be done ultimately for God whether working in an office, a shop, keeping house, being a doctor, or teaching a Bible class. Work done for the glory of God pleases God no matter what the work is. Adam finds pleasure in doing the work God has for him to the best of his ability to bring honour to God.

God also gives Adam rules. He is not to live in Eden any way he wants, but he is under God's laws. Adam has authority over the other creatures, but he is still under the Creator, and God has every right to make rules. God gives Adam the freedom to eat from every tree in the garden save one. This includes the tree of life, the most important tree of all because eating from it gives eternal life. If Adam is obedient and eats from all these trees except one, he will be assured of eternal life forever. But the penalty of disobedience is death, physical and eternal.

#### Questions

- 1. What was Adam's job?
- 2. What rule did God make for Adam?

# **Prayer Points**

- 1. Pray that we would look to God for our happiness.
- 2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
- 3. Pray for family matters

# **Memory Verse**

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Praise: Psalm 65 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



#### Wednesday - Genesis 2:18-25 - God Makes A Woman

There are angels above and animals below, but man is alone. There is no other creature like him. God determines that this is not good. Man will enjoy exchanging conversation and love with those of his kind. This is also not the way God plans to increase mankind - through Adam on his own. God decides to provide company for man - someone like him, near to him, a help for him, to bring him happiness. We are made to give and receive help from each other. God who knows all our needs is our ultimate help, but He gives us helpers. Good wives and husbands are gifts from the Lord, and He uses families to help the lonely.

Making sure he feels no pain, God puts Adam in a deep sleep. Matthew Henry, a minister of the 1700's, says, "The woman was made of a rib out of the side of Adam; not made out of his head to rule over him, nor out of his feet to be trampled on by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be beloved." Adam loses a rib, but he gains a helpmeet. Whenever God takes away, He always gives something else in abundance. As her Father, God brings the woman to man. Marriage begins in the Garden of Eden where God decides it will be a stronger bond than family, and it will be a bond for life between one man and one woman as the two become one.

#### Questions

- 1. Why isn't it good that Adam is alone?
- 2. How did God make the woman?
- 3. What did God decide marriage should be?

# **Prayer Points**

- 1. Give thanks that God has given us families.
- 2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
- 3. Pray for family matters

# **Memory Verse**

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#### Thursday - Genesis 3:1-5 - The Lie

Satan is a fallen angel; he has rebelled against God, is thrown out of heaven, hates God, and he wants to destroy God's creation by separating man from God. So, he takes on the appearance and subtlety of a snake for evil purposes. He comes to Eve who is alone and close to the forbidden tree. Perhaps Eve might not have been so tempted if she was with Adam. Other Christians can help keep us accountable to obeying God. We can also avoid temptation by staying far away from things that are forbidden.

Satan tempts Eve by first questioning what God has said. His question seems innocent enough, but he is misquoting God as forbidding them to eat from any of the trees. He seems to be making fun of her for being so cautious and implies that God's commands are unreasonable. Eve, instead of realising the danger, enters into a debate about what God has really said. She tells Satan all that God has given them, repeats God's command about the tree, but also adds to God's command that they are not allowed to touch it. Satan then moves to directly contradicting God - denying that they will die and claiming that instead they will understand more, have more power, and be equal with God. Satan still tempts us the same way by persuading us to question and doubt what God has said as though we know better than God and should be God instead of Him.

# Questions

- 1. What does Satan want to do to Adam and Eve?
- 2. How does Satan tempt Eve?
- 3. What are some ways that Satan's temptations can be avoided?

# **Prayer Points**

- 1. Pray that God would protect us from Satan's temptations.
- 2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
- 3. Pray for family matters

# **Memory Verse**

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Praise: Psalm 67 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



### Friday - Genesis 3:6-8 - The Fall

Eve is deceived. Instead of turning away from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, she looks at it, wants some fruit, takes it, and eats. Satan has tempted her, but it is all her own action. Satan may persuade us, but he can't force us to sin. Eve then gives it to Adam because once we sin we want to draw others in with us so we feel better. They don't believe God, they've disobeyed, they've tried to decide themselves what is right, and they've sinned against God who has given them so much. Adam represents all who will come after him, so he has involved all mankind in sin. Everyone will now be born with a sinful nature that they have inherited from Adam and Eve.

Adam and Eve's immediate consequence is shame and fear. They know that they have done what is wrong, they have lost their happiness, and now they are afraid of God. Everything Satan has said is proved to be a lie. Sin always disturbs our peace and happiness, and it goes hand in hand with fear.

Instead of going to God and confessing their sin, Adam and Eve want to hide it and themselves from God. But God already knows what has happened. God has not changed, but they have, and they are terrified. God comes to them in the Garden calmly and quietly. Amazingly, He is still willing to talk with them.

# Questions

- 1. Whose fault is it that Eve sinned?
- 2. Who else did Adam involve in his sin?
- 3. What happens once they eat the forbidden fruit?

### **Prayer Points**

- 1. Give thanks that God shows mercy and grace to us.
- 2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
- 3. Pray for family matters

# **Memory Verse**

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Praise: Psalm 68 - See www.rpglobalalliance.org for Psalm tune helps.



### Saturday - Genesis 3:9-13 - Excuses and Blame

The Judge of heaven and earth has come to Adam and Eve. He knows exactly where Adam is, but He calls for him to get him to confess. God is so gracious in causing us to throw ourselves on His mercy - He calls to us to bring us back to Him. All Adam says is that he is afraid; he doesn't confess his sin. Without being clothed in Jesus' perfect life, we have every reason to be afraid of God, just like Adam.

God has to directly ask Adam and Eve if they have sinned before they will confess. When we sin we are offending a gracious God, breaking His good laws, violating our agreement as His creatures to obey Him as Creator, giving up God's favour, and exposing ourselves to His wrath and curse. In getting others to sin, we do the devil's work, make ourselves guilty of others' sins, and are a help to their destruction. Is it any wonder that God says to Adam and Eve and to us, "What is this you have done?"

Adam and Eve excuse their sin by blaming others. Adam blames his wife even though his duty is to obey God. We should never sin against God to please even our best friend. Adam also blames God for giving him Eve. Eve blames Satan. Even though Satan and others can draw us into sin, at the end of the day, we are always the ones actually sinning and always the ones to blame.

# Questions

- 1. Why does God call to Adam and Eve?
- 2. Who do Adam and Eve blame?
- 3. Who is really to blame?

# **Prayer Points**

- 1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
- 2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
- 3. Pray for family matters

# Memory Verse

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God tells us that
Ezra read from
the book of the Law
day after day
and that
the people of God
were filled with joy!

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