

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of September 1, 2024**

**THEME: "Adam"**

**GOD'S CREATION**

**Sunday..... . Read Genesis 1:-27-28**

*"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."* The beginning of humanity was God's creation of Adam. God made a man on the sixth day. The first five days were used to create the heaven and the earth, the land and the seas with all the animal and plant life. This could give the man a perfect habitat, providing for both work and leisure. God gave the man the responsibility to take care of the earth. Both the Holy Spirit and God the Son were involved with the creation with God the Father. We read this about the Holy Spirit's involvement in Genesis 1:2: *"And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters."* Jesus with the title of "the Word" was involved as mentioned in John 1:1-2: *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God."*

**FIRST HUMAN**

**Monday .....Read Genesis 2:7-9**

*"The Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils, and man became a living soul."* God demonstrated His omnipotence in His creation of a man in His own image. That means every human being is a triune being: body, soul, and spirit. When God breathed into the nostrils of the body He had made, that body of flesh and bones was blessed with spiritual life along with his physical life. This gave man the ability to understand God and His ways. It was a rich blessing to be on the same wave length as our Creator! After God had created the man, He took one of His ribs and created a woman. He then gave them the ability to reproduce and populate the earth over the centuries.

**FIRST LAW**

**Tuesday.....Read Genesis 2:15-17**

*"And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."* The first law to govern humanity had only one restriction. That was not to eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Man had all he needed for a happy, fulfilling life. God gave Adam a choice, he was not a robot without freedom of choice. It was an opportunity to show his loyalty to God, or

disloyalty if he betrayed God's trust. We can all learn from Adam's experiences that proper laws are for our good and conformity brings blessing. Disobedience to God's law has eternal consequences as detailed in Romans 6:23: *"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."*

### **FIRST MARRIAGE**

**Wednesday ..... Read Genesis 2:18-22**

*"And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him."* After God had created the man and the perfect surroundings, God gave Adam the responsibility to manage His earth. It would need care. Then God mentioned that man could not do it alone: he would have to have a partner. God then made a woman to be his partner! God had decided to bring others into the world with a father and mother. With a loving life, the husband could fulfill God's perfect plan. The primary responsibility of the father in the home is clearly stated in Ephesians 6:4 *"Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."* Those children who have fathers who live up to that are fortunate indeed!

### **FIRST SIN**

**Thursday ..... Read Genesis 3:1-7**

*"And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat."* It did not take long for man to become the target of God's enemy, the devil. God allowed the enemy to tempt the man and test his loyalty. At first, Adam's wife, who was Satan's target, successfully resisted. She accurately quoted God's Word in defense. After Satan failed in his distortion of God's Word, he proceeded to refute it as absolute truth, causing Eve to eat of the fruit. She shared with her husband and their disobedience caused death just as God had warned! They immediately died spiritually and then physically.

### **FIRST RELIGION**

**Friday ..... Read Genesis 3:7-10**

*"And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons."* Realizing they had sinned they tried to hide from God, an impossibility. They did try to cover-up their nakedness to present themselves to God. I see that as earth's first manmade religion: "The Figleaf Church of Eden." I guess you could commend them for effort, but it did not work well with God. Sin caused death, and forgiveness of sin would require death. That is clearly stated in God's law detailed in Leviticus 17:11: *"For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul."* Throughout the days of the Old Testament, sinners had to offer the blood of a sacrificial lamb to have God's forgiveness. That ended with God's new covenant.

### **FIRST FAMILY**

**Saturday..... Read Genesis 4:1-7**

*"And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord."* Unfortunately, the first family on earth suffered the first tragedy. They had properly taught God's truth to their sons because Abel approached worship properly. He brought a blood sacrifice in his worship of God. His brother Cain brought of the fruits of his labor which God rejected. In his jealousy and anger Cain killed his brother Abel resulting in humanities first tragedy. God did bless Adam and Eve, however, by giving them another faithful son. The heritage of God would continue on despite the attacks of Satan.