

TODAY'S READING: GENESIS 1-3

OVERVIEW:

Creation of all things; creation of Adam and his bride; their commissioning; temptation by Satan; Adam and his bride rebel against God, forfeiting the Garden of Eden, their relationship with God, and the ability to fulfil their commission.

HIGHLIGHTS & INSIGHTS:

The word "genesis" means "beginnings." The Book of Genesis records the beginning of the universe, man, woman, marriage, the family, sin, judgment, sacrifice, salvation, worship, civilization, false religion, and war.

In the first 10 words of the Bible (Gen. 1:1), God sums up the five elements of science: TIME ("*beginning*"); SPACE ("*heavens*"); MOTION ("*created*"); MATTER ("*the earth*"); and ENERGY ("*created*"). In this simple verse,, God destroys atheism ("... GOD created"), denies polytheism ("... GOD (singular) created"), and dispels evolution ("... God CREATED").

Man is the crown of creation. God formed the first man "in His own image" and "likeness," and gave him the place of dominion over the whole earth from Eden, the Garden of God. Lucifer once held the position as the crown of creation (Ezek. 28:11-17; Isaiah 14:12-14) and held dominion over the whole earth from Eden, the Garden of God. Since Lucifer could not have the place of God in the universe, he sought to have the place of God in the life of men. Sadly, he was successful.

Some interesting things to note...

- The first recorded words of Satan (Gen. 3:1), come in the form of a question, and the question is about the Words of God ("Yea, hath God said?"). Some things never change!
- When you compare Genesis 3:6 with Matthew 4:1-11, you find that Satan tempted the Lord Jesus Christ the same way he tempted the woman... through the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life (I John 2:16). In Christ's case, however, the temptation was resisted. James 4:7 says, "*Resist the devil and he will flee from you.*"
- In the first chapter of the Bible God made us in His image. In the twenty-first century in America we attempt to make God in our image. Instead of, "*This is the day which the Lord hath made,*" as it says in Psalm 118:24, it's "*This is Lord which the day hath made.*" Rather than submitting to the control of God, our Designer, we seek to design a God we can control.

CHRIST IS REVEALED:

As CREATOR – Gen. 1:1 (John 1:1-4; Heb. 11:3; Col. 1:16-17)

As the SEED OF THE WOMAN – Gen. 3:15 (Isa. 7:14; 9:6-7; Gal. 4:4)

In ADAM – Gen. 2:21-24 (John 19:34; Eph. 5:28-32)

**Note: God caused a sleep to fall upon Adam, and from the substance that came from his side, God formed for him a bride. God caused a "sleep" to fall upon the second Adam, Christ (I Cor. 15:45-47), and from the substance that came from His side, God formed for Him a bride.*

As the SACRIFICIAL LAMB – Gen. 3:21 (Prov. 27:26)