

100 Bible Stories

3. Adam and Eve in Paradise

Genesis means....

Genesis 2:1-25 (NKJV)

Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. ²And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. ³Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

⁴This is the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵before any plant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown. For the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and there was no man to till the ground; ⁶but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground. ⁷And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

⁸The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. ⁹And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil....

¹⁵Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

¹⁸And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him." ¹⁹Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him. ²¹And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. ²²Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

²³And Adam said:

"This is now bone of my bones
And flesh of my flesh;
She shall be called Woman,
Because she was taken out of Man."

²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

²⁵And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Angels?....

Sabbath

"Paradise" earth not "earth" earth.

Adam the dwelling place of the Spirit.

Tree of Life (Gospel)

Tree of Knowledge of Good & Evil (Law)

Name with teaching.

Family is God's creation and institution.

Luther on heaven.

Marriage is the most sacred estate; what does one flesh mean?

1. How do you respond to those who say Genesis 1 and 2 are two different, contradictory creation myths?
2. Does Christ acknowledge this account to be true (See Matthew 19:4-6)? Could He have been mistaken?
3. How does God teach about good and evil as He told Adam the name of the tree? What kind of Law was this; moral; civil; or ceremonial? How did this also then take on a moral content?
4. Where was Eve when God taught Adam about the garden and trees? How would she come to know about them? Would God's Word be less when Adam taught it to Eve than when God taught it to Adam?