

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - May 12, 2024
THEME: "Adam and Eve"
PLAN FOR HUMANITY

Sunday Read Genesis 2:18-24

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:.." In creating man, God wanted a live being with whom He could have communion and fellowship, both a physical and spiritual being. God is a spiritual being, as we are told in John 4:24: *"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."* With a living spirit, humans would be on the same wavelength as God, their Creator! Such life is essential to managing God's earth as God wanted. Without that living spirit, man would lack spiritual power. By creating man with a spirit, God enabled the human to have communion and fellowship with their Creator. Without a spirit, man would be isolated from God to wander aimlessly though life. God wants to have a good relationship with men and women. They really are the crowning touch of His amazing creation. Life in harmony with God is life at its best!

FIRST MAN

Monday Read Genesis 2:1-7

"And 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 soul." We read in this passage that God made man a triune being: a body, soul, and spirit. The soul is the real personality of an individual. God gave the person a physical body to manage and to enjoy the physical world: God's earth and all that is therein. As a matter of fact, God gave man the responsibility of managing His earth. When God breathed into Adam's nostrils, he was given spiritual life, with an understanding of God's doings. Having spiritual life, man could live in harmony with God. Without spiritual life, humans would be very limited in the conduct of their lives! Everything would have merely a temporal purpose devoid of eternal hope. Fulness of life comes with a personal relationship with our Creator: a life of faith!

FIRST MESSAGE

Tuesday Read Genesis 2:14-17

"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." God provided man with all the necessities for having a happy and meaningful life. He also gave man a test of loyalty: a forbidden fruit that, if eaten, would cause death. With so much liberty and plenteous provision, you would think that there was plenty for total satisfaction! God gave man the freedom of choice, the ability to make personal decisions. By giving this one restriction, God could determine man's loyalty. Man could decide whether or not he would live in complete compliance with his Creator. Little did the man know that he would be tempted and tested by God's enemy, the devil! He soon found out that his faith in God's word would be tested!

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." God's plan to populate His earth was to do so by using the man and woman. He created them so they could reproduce children. In the Bible reading for today we read of God making a woman and brought her to Adam. I guess we call that the first wedding with God officiating in the Garden of Eden. This was the first home, and the stage was set for them to reproduce, making earth's first family. His marriage gave Adam a much more fulfilling life!

FIRST MISTAKE

Thursday Read Genesis 3:1-6

"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." Satan, the enemy of God, invaded the Garden of Eden and tempted Eve to eat of the forbidden fruit. He distorted God's Word at first, but Eve corrected him. Then Satan resorted to a falsehood, tempting Eve to eat of the forbidden fruit claiming she would not die. Well, she ate and shared with her husband, and he also ate. What a mistake it was to believe Satan and doubt God. They immediately died spiritually and tried to hide from God. Fortunately, God did not abandon them and made a way for man to again have fellowship with his Creator!

FIRST MANMADE 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." When Adam and Eve sinned, they lost fellowship with God and knew they had to do something. They tried to cover up and restore fellowship with God, but their efforts were futile. Sin cannot be covered up; sin must be purged, wiped out! God replaced the fig leaf covering with coats of skin; that was an introduction to God's law of forgiveness, requiring a blood sacrifice. That law of God is clearly stated 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."* Jesus eventually became the supreme sacrifice!

FIRST MARTYR

Saturday Read Genesis 4:1-8

"And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him." As God had planned for replenishing His earth with people, Adam and Eve had a couple of sons: Cain and Abel. Their parents taught them how to engage in proper worship of God. Abel followed their instruction and brought a blood sacrifice. Cain violated God's law and brought an offering of his own labor. When God rejected his offering and accepted Abel's, Cain became angry and Abel became the first martyr, dying because of his faith. God was faithful to Adam and Eve and enabled them to have another son who would be faithful to God's ways and carry on the work of God.