

Adam and Eve Creation to Redemption Calling, Character and Legacy

Theology and Central themes:

Humanity and the Divine: Adam and Eve a foundational couple in Gods story. The parents of humanity, purpose for, God as eternal creator, sustainer and giver of life, relationships and marriage [social institution] intimacy, companionship, mutual support, complementary nature of male/female in marriage, environment and sustainability, ecological stewardship, desire, temptation, consequences of free will and choice, fall, sin, human suffering, redemption plan [good triumphs over evil]

“So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.” – Genesis 1:27

Creation of Humanity

When we think about Adam and Eve, we reflect on their creation, which signifies the beginning of humanity. God formed Adam from the dust of the ground, breathing life into him, and crafted Eve from Adam's rib to be his companion. This divine act reveals the special relationship between humans and God. We are created in His image, depicting His likeness and potential. Understanding this helps us realize our purpose aligned with our Creator's intent.

Genesis 2:7

“Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.” – Genesis 2:7

Genesis 2:22

“Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.” – Genesis 2:22

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Genesis 1:26

“Then God said, ‘Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over

*the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” – **Genesis 1:26***

So being made in God's image is formed as a representative, to imitate the original, a copy, and to be understood as having similar qualities and capacities as the Creator, but not to the same degree.

Man's likeness to God can also be seen in his governance over the earth

Image and Likeness=represent, rule requires redemption

Ecclesiastes 7:29

*“This only have I found: God created mankind upright, but they have gone in search of many schemes.” – **Ecclesiastes 7:29***

Genesis 5:1-2

*“This is the written account of Adam’s family line. When God created mankind, he made them in the likeness of God. He created them male and female and blessed them. And he named them ‘Mankind’ when they were created.” – **Genesis 5:1-2***

Life in the Garden of Eden

The story of Adam and Eve narrates their life in the Garden of Eden, where they experienced a perfect existence surrounded by God’s provision and beauty. Here, we learn that the environment created by God was not only for nourishment but also for fellowship with Him. Walking with God in the cool of the day represents the peace and harmony available to us at the start of humanity when we live in accordance with His will. It’s an invitation to seek that closeness even today.

Genesis 2:8

*“Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed.” – **Genesis 2:8***

Genesis 2:9

“The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food.” – Genesis 2:9
Genesis 2:15

“The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.” – Genesis 2:15
Genesis 2:16-17

“And the Lord God commanded the man, ‘You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.’” –
Genesis 2:16-17
Genesis 3:8

“Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day.” – Genesis 3:8

The Temptation and Fall

Despite the idyllic setting, Adam and Eve faced the test of obedience, with the serpent tempting Eve to eat the forbidden fruit. This event teaches us about the importance of making choices and the consequences that follow. Their decision to disobey God changed the course of human history, introducing sin into the world. Learning from their experience, we are encouraged to remain vigilant against temptations and to hold on to God’s word to guide our path.

Genesis 3:1

“Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made.” – Genesis 3:1
Genesis 3:4-5

“‘You will not certainly die,’ the serpent said to the woman. ‘For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’” – Genesis 3:4-5
Genesis 3:6

“When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it.” – Genesis 3:6

Genesis 3:16

“To the woman he said, ‘I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labor you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.’” – Genesis 3:16

Genesis 3:19

“By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.” – Genesis 3:19

The Consequence of Their Actions

The actions of Adam and Eve brought consequences not only upon themselves but also upon all of creation. This part of their story reminds us that every action has a ripple effect. We are taught that our choices can influence the lives of others and the world around us. As we reflect on their story, we should be empowered to make choices that reflect God’s grace and love, leading us towards a path of righteousness.

Genesis 3:13

“Then the Lord God said to the woman, ‘What is this you have done?’ The woman said, ‘The serpent deceived me, and I ate.’” – Genesis 3:13

Genesis 3:14

“So the Lord God said to the serpent, ‘Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.’” – Genesis 3:14

Genesis 3:24

“After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.” – Genesis 3:24

Romans 5:12

“Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned.” – Romans 5:12

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

1 John 1:8-10

“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.” – 1 John 1:8

God’s Redemption Plan

Despite the fall of Adam and Eve, God’s love for humanity remained steadfast. He initiated a redemption plan that leads to restoration. This serves as a powerful reminder that no matter how far we stray, there is always hope for reconciliation with God. Through Jesus, we receive grace and the opportunity for eternal life, showing that even through our errors, God provides a way back to Him.

Genesis 3:15

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.” – Genesis 3:15

The first mention of the GOSPEL, PROTOEVANGELIUM, the proclamation of the gospel

John 3:16

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” – John 3:16

Romans 5:8

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” – Romans 5:8

Ephesians 1:7

“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace.” – Ephesians 1:7

Acts 2:38

“Peter replied, ‘Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.’” – Acts 2:38

The Legacy of Adam and Eve

Adam lived to 930 years

Adam and Eve's legacy lives on through generations, reminding us of the choices we make and their impact on the future. Their story teaches us to embrace our identity in God and to watch our actions carefully, for they form our character and destiny. We are called to set an example for others, reflecting God's love and grace through our lives as we learn from the mistakes of the past.

Genesis 3:20

"Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living." – **Genesis 3:20**

1 Timothy 2:13-14

"For Adam was formed first, then Eve. And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner." – **1 Timothy 2:13-14**

Hebrews 11:4

"By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings." – **Hebrews 11:4**

Romans 5:19

"For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous." – **Romans 5:19**

Revelation 22:2

"Down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations." –

Revelation 22:2

Final Thoughts

The story of Adam and Eve is a powerful narrative that resonates deeply with us. It speaks about creation, fall, redemption, and legacy. In their story, we find core teachings of loving relationships, the seriousness of our choices, and God's unwavering love. We learn that despite our shortcomings, there is always hope and grace available through Jesus Christ.

As we reflect on this journey from creation to redemption, let's cherish the lessons we draw from their lives. The narrative encourages us to live in harmony with God's will and to seek a personal relationship with Him. We are reminded of our identity and value as God's unique masterpieces.

Let's not forget that this story is not just about the past but is alive in our lives today. We should strive to emulate the love, commitment, and obedience that Adam and Eve sought to reflect. We can choose to be instruments of God's grace, offering love and support to our neighbour's, family, and the world around us.