

## Lesson 2 God Creates Adam and Eve

In five days, God created heavens, containing all the stars and planets and moons, and the sky earth and sea, the birds and the fish.

But God was not yet finished. On the sixth day, God said, "Let the earth be filled with animals. And let each produce more of its own kind. Let there be tame animals and small crawling animals and wild animals. And let each produce more of its kind." What God said happened, and God saw that this was good.

Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image and likeness. And let them rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky. Let them rule over the tame animals, over all the earth and over all the small crawling animals on the earth."

So God created human beings in his image. In the image of God he created them. He created them male and female.

This is how Lord God created the first Man – Adam. He took dust from the ground and formed Adam from it. He breathed the breath of life into Adam's nose. And Adam became a living person. Then the Lord God planted a garden in the East, in a place called Eden. He put Adam in that garden. The Lord God caused every beautiful tree and every tree that was good for food to grow out of the ground. In the middle of the garden, God put the tree that gives life. And he put there the tree that gives the knowledge of good and evil. God told Adam to eat from any tree EXCEPT from the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is right for him." There were all kinds of animals in the Garden of Eden, but God was not talking about animal helpers for Adam. He was talking about a soul mate, a life partner who would COMPLETE Adam.

This is how God made the first woman – Eve. The Lord God caused Adam to sleep very deeply. While he was asleep, God took one of the ribs from Adam's body. Then God closed the man's skin at the place where he took the rib. The Lord God used the rib from the man to make a woman.

And Adam said, "Now, this is someone whose bones came from my bones. Her body came from my body. I will call her 'woman,' because she was taken out of man."

So God set the pattern for marriage: a man will leave his father and mother and be united with his wife. And the two people will become like **One**.