

# Adam and Eve

## *Husband Wife Interactions*

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# What We Will Learn

- God created people
- To represent him among all creation
- Created Adam first
- Created his wife as “helper from within”
- Companion “comparable to him”
- Together they sinned, did not accept responsibility, and did not repent
- Nature of life changed as consequence
- Genesis 2 and 3

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# Created for a Mission

- Declaration of mission
  - God's purpose for people
- Confirmation
  - God created people as he declared in the mission statement
- The blessing and charge
  - God gives staff of office to people
- Genesis 1:26–28

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## Genesis 1 (NKJV)

26 Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

- Let us create people
- To represent God's interest with God's authority
- Among all creation on earth

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## **Genesis 1 (NKJV)**

27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

- God created people
- In accordance with his declaration of purpose
- Male man and female man
- Represent God's interest with his authority
- Among all creations on earth

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# Genesis 1 (NKJV)

28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

- Reproduce yourselves, increase capability
- Take responsibility and control
- Over all creations on earth

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# God Created Man First

- Created man (male later named Adam)
- Placed him in the “garden of Eden”
  - Responsibility to care for the garden
  - Right to eat from the garden
  - Forbidden from eating of the “tree of life”
- “Tree of life” represents pervasiveness of temptation among people
- Genesis 2:7–9 and 15–17

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## **Genesis 2 (NKJV)**

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 being.

8 The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.



## Genesis 2 (NKJV)

9 And 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.

- The forbidden item is available
- Among items we are encouraged to have

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## Genesis 2 (NKJV)

15 Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.

16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;

17 but 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.”

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# Man Inadequate Alone Needs Suitable Helper

- God concluded man alone was inadequate
- Needs helper comparable to him
- To assist with the over-all mission
  - Companion
  - Comparable helper
  - Partner in reproduction
- Genesis 2:18

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## **Genesis 2 (NKJV)**

18 And the Lord God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.”

# Search for Helper Unsuccessful

- Brought all existing animals
- Adam examined them
- Named each of them
- But no helper was found among them
- No existing animal could satisfy the need for a “helper comparable to him”
- Genesis 2:19–20

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## **Genesis 2 (NKJV)**

19 Out 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.

20 So 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.

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# Helper from Within

- God created helper from within the man
- Adam accepted the helper
- Named her “woman” (taken out from man)
- Defines marriage as man and woman brought together to form one flesh
- Defines wife as “helper from within”
- They started life with childlike innocence
- Genesis 2:21–25

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## **Genesis 2 (NKJV)**

21 And 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.

22 Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.



## **Genesis 2 (NKJV)**

23 And 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.”

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

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

# Fall to Temptation

- Devil approached woman
- Disguised as serpent
- Convinced woman to eat of the forbidden tree
- Adam listened but remained passive
- Accepted forbidden fruit from woman
- Adam and wife lost their innocence
- Genesis 3:1–7 [6 and 7 read in session]

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## **Genesis 3 (NKJV)**

6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

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# No Responsibility No Repentance

- Adam and wife sought to hide from God
- Adam blamed his wife
- Also appeared to blame God:  
“The woman whom You gave to be with me”
- His wife blamed the serpent
- None took responsibility: no repentance
- Genesis 3:8–13

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## **Genesis 3 (NKJV)**

8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

9 Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?”

## **Genesis 3 (NKJV)**

10 So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.”

11 And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?”

## **Genesis 3 (NKJV)**

12 Then the man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.”

13 And the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

# The Sin

- Adam and wife did something forbidden
- Did not accept responsibility
- Did not repent

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# Consequences

- Fundamental change to nature of life
- Instead of free and spontaneous satisfaction of every need (Garden of Eden)
- People have to work to provide for their need
- Woman has to suffer to bear offspring
- Serpent became enemy of all creation
- Genesis 3:14–23  
[14, 16, 17, and 23 read in session]

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## **Genesis 3 (NKJV)**

14 So the Lord God said to the serpent:  
“Because you have done this,  
You are cursed more than all cattle,  
And more than every beast of the field;  
On your belly you shall go,  
And you shall eat dust  
All the days of your life.

## **Genesis 3 (NKJV)**

16 To the woman He said:

“I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception;

In pain you shall bring forth children;

Your desire shall be for your husband,

And he shall rule over you.”

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## **Genesis 3 (NKJV)**

17 Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’:

“Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life.

23 therefore the Lord God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken.

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