



EVE: MOTHER OF ALL LIVING

INTRODUCTION

Eternally existing in three persons, God¹ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, enjoyed each other's presence throughout eternity. One day, *In the beginning* (Genesis 1:1), after the council of Their own will and for Their own pleasure, They created man and woman (Genesis 1:26, 27).

Divinely created in Their image after Their own likeness, God formed the woman. Along with her external beauty, God gave her spiritual beauty; she was pure and holy. She was sinless.

God walked with her in the fruitful Garden of Eden, which He had provided for her; and He communed with her there. His plan for her was that she live eternally in a perfect, holy and sinless relationship with Him. He also created her to be man's help meet, wife, companion, and lover. Together, man and woman were to . . . *be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over . . . every living thing . . .* (Genesis 1:28).

Eve was to be the mother of all living. She was the first woman to be blessed and to receive instruction from God (Genesis 1:28-30), the first woman (Genesis 2:22), the first wife (Genesis 2:18-25), the first sinner (Genesis 3:1-6), the first woman to walk with God (Genesis 3:8a). She was the first to receive the promise of the Seed, Christ the Messiah (Genesis 3:15), she was the first whose sins were covered with the skins of a blood sacrifice (Genesis 3:21), the first mother (Genesis 4:1, 2, 25), the first to experience death and the curse, the death of Abel and the curse upon her son Cain (Genesis 4:8-15), and she was the first grandmother (Genesis 4:17-26).

Through Eve's life we learn God's design for woman, the grave consequence of sin, and the plan of salvation that God has provided for mankind.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE

So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them (Genesis 1:27).

¹ God - Hebrew *Elohiym* gods: the plural for the singular name for God which is *El*; therefore, the plurality of God is shown in Genesis 1:1 through the use of the word *Elohim*; the Spirit God in Genesis 1:2, and the Son of God in John 1:1-4, 14.

Names Given to Eve

- Man** . . . *Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness . . .* (Genesis 1:26, 27).
Man in Hebrew means - human being, mankind. In this passage God identifies man and woman by the same name, as equal.
- Help meet** . . . *I will make him an help meet for him* (Genesis 2:18b).
Help in Hebrew means - to aid or help, to surround, protect, or succor. *Meet* in Hebrew means - a counterpart, a front, i.e. part opposite, or mate. The name God gave her describes her function. She was to be a helper to Adam.
- Woman** . . . *she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man* (Genesis 2:23b).
Woman in Hebrew is *Ishshah*, from the root word *Ish* which means - man or manly. This is the name Adam gave her the day that God took her from his rib and brought her to him.
- Eve** *And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living* (Genesis 3:20).
Eve in Hebrew means - life giver or the first woman. Adam gave her this name after they both had sinned. God promised her that she would bear children and that her Seed, Christ the promised Messiah,² would bruise the *head* of the serpent that had beguiled her (Genesis 3:15, 16).
- Adam** *Male and female created He them . . . and called their name Adam . . .* (Genesis 5:1, 2).
Adam in Hebrew *adamah* which means - ground or earth. God made them one flesh and called them one name, Adam.

SECTION 1 - Creation

READ Genesis 1, 2:1-3.

OBSERVE the order and wisdom of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit throughout the creation process.

1. WRITE out Genesis 1:1. _____ *God* _____

2. What was the condition of the earth (v. 2)? _____

What was the Spirit of God doing? _____

3. READ John 1:1-4, 14 and Colossians 1:15-17. What do you learn about the *Word*³ at creation?

² Messiah - Hebrew *Mashiyach* anointed: consecrated person; anointed Messiah.

³ The Word: a title of Christ, the second Person of the Godhead (John 1:14).

4. From Genesis Chapter 1, LIST in order what God created each day.

Day 1 (vv. 3-5) _____

Day 2 (vv. 6-8) _____⁴

Day 3 (vv. 9-13) _____

Day 4 (vv. 14-19) _____

Day 5 (vv. 20-23) _____

Day 6 (vv. 24-31) _____

LOOK DEEPER

REREAD Genesis Chapter 1. RECORD the verses where God expressed approval throughout His creation.

How is the statement different in verse 31 after He made man? _____

5. What did God do on the seventh day (Genesis 2:1-3)? _____

What was special for God about the seventh day? _____⁵

⁴ firmament - Hebrew *raqiya* an expanse: visible arch of the sky.

⁵ sanctified - Hebrew *qadash* to clean: consecrate, dedicate, to hollow, to be kept holy.

PERSONAL

What one thought spoke to your heart the most? _____

SECTION 2 - Mankind

READ Genesis 1:26-2:17.

1. In whose image did God create man (Genesis 1:26a, 27)? _____

2. What responsibility did God bestow upon both man and woman (v. 26b)? _____

3. As God blessed them what did He command them to do (v. 28)? _____

4. What was God's provision for mankind (v. 29)? _____

5. How did God care for the earth before rain or mankind were present to tend to it (Genesis 2:5, 6)?

6. How did God form the first man (v. 7)? _____

7. DESCRIBE the place God prepared for man (vv. 8-14). _____⁶

⁶ Eden - Hebrew *gan* a place hedged around: a protected place; a garden of delight containing food, beauty, water, fellowship with God, and human companionship.

8. What did God instruct man to do (v. 15)? _____ ⁷

9. What abundant blessing and commandment did God give to man (vv. 16, 17)? Why? _____

LOOK DEEPER

How did Jesus confirm God's continued provision for mankind (Matthew 6:25-32a)? _____

COMPLETE verse 32b . . . *for your heavenly Father* _____

What is the key to God's provision in your life (Matthew 6:33, 34)? _____

WRITE out the promise from God in Philippians 4:19. _____

SECTION 3 - Marriage

READ Genesis 2:18-25.

1. Why did God create woman (vv. 18-20)? _____

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2. How did God create woman (vv. 21, 22)? _____

_____ ⁹

⁷ tend - Hebrew *shamar* guard: preserve.

⁸ help meet - Hebrew *ezer kenedgo* a helper suitable for him, a being like him: aid, a front, part, counterpart.

⁹ rib - Hebrew *tsela* side: rib, curved side, a place close to his heart.

3. How was the creation of woman different from that of man and the animals? COMPARE Genesis 2:7, 9 with Genesis 2:21-23.

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4. How did Adam meet the woman (v. 22)? _____

5. Why did Adam call this new creation woman¹² (v. 23)? _____

6. What was God's command to Adam and the woman when He brought them together (v. 24)?

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Genesis 2:25 says . . . *they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.* Because Adam and his wife had not fallen into sin they were pure mentally, physically, and sexually. God ordained marriage and intended every marriage between His children to be as beautiful and as sexually intimate as the marriage between Adam and Eve.

LOOK DEEPER

What does Christ say concerning the union of marriage (Mark 10:2-12)? _____

What instruction is given to husbands and wives that will enable them to have a true union in Holy Matrimony?

Proverbs 5:18-21 _____

I Corinthians 7:1-5 _____

¹⁰ dust - Hebrew *awbak* fine particles of matter: dust, powdered or gray; clay, earth, mud.

¹¹ ground - Hebrew *adamah* soil: redness; earth.

¹² woman - Hebrew *ishshah*: feminine for *iysh* which is man.

¹³ cleave - Hebrew *dabaq* to impinge: cling, adhere, abide, follow close, be joined, catch by pursuit, fast together.

Ephesians 5:21-33 _____

I Peter 3:1-7 _____

What does the prophet instruct those who break the union of marriage (Malachi 2:13-16)?

SECTION 4 - The Fall

READ Genesis Chapter 3.

1. How is the serpent¹⁴ described (v. 1)? _____

LOOK DEEPER

The serpent was a beautiful archangel in the day that God created him (Ezekiel 28:11-19). What were his five sinful *I will* statements that led him to be cast out of heaven (Isaiah 14:12-15)?

¹⁴ serpent - Hebrew *naw-khawsh* the shining one: the devil or Satan.

What are some of the serpents other names?

I Peter 5:8 _____

Revelation 12:9 _____

Satan used three steps to tempt the woman. First, he questioned the Word of God. Second, he contradicted the Word of God. And third, he defamed God. As you answer the next few questions, take note of the downward spiral of deception that he used then, and continues to use today.

2. COMPARE God's command in Genesis 2:16, 17 to the question the serpent asked the woman in Genesis 3:1. How did the serpent twist God's command?

- 3 How did Eve slightly change God's Word (Genesis 3:2, 3)? _____

4. How did the serpent contradict God's command (v. 4)? _____

5. How did he defame God (v. 5)? _____

The woman's first mistake was to enter into a conversation with the serpent over what God had already commanded her not to do. . . . *Resist the devil, and he will flee from you* (James 4:7). By changing the Word of God she only made things more difficult for herself. But her greater problem was yet to come. She was no match for Satan's cunning lies. The woman was finally deceived by the same sin that cut Satan to the ground: pride!

6. In the first column, FILL IN the temptations that drew Eve into sin (Genesis 3:6a). In the second column, MATCH them up with the lusts of the world (I John 2:16).

7. What did the woman do after she ate the fruit (Genesis 3: 6b)? _____

Where was Adam? _____

8. What happened as a result of the man and the woman's sin (vv. 7, 8)? _____

How were they made aware of God's presence in the midst of their sin? _____

9. RECORD the conversation between Adam and Eve and God after they had broken fellowship with Him (vv. 9-13).

GOD

ADAM AND EVE

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Adam blamed the woman and God . . . *the woman whom Thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.* Who did Eve blame?

10. What are man's steps to temptation, sin, and spiritual death (James 1:13-16)? _____

Neither Adam nor Eve confessed their sin to God. Each blamed someone. Because God is omnipresent,¹⁵ He was well aware of what had taken place. God's reason for questioning them was to bring them to a point of confession. In His mercy, He did not destroy them, but enforced the consequence of sin that He had set previously in the garden.

PERSONAL

I John 1:9 says, *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.* God desires that we confess our sin to Him so our relationship with Him may be restored. What do you do when confronted by God with your sin? Do you confess it, or do you continue in it by blaming God and others for your circumstances?

¹⁵ omnipresent: present in all places at all times.

11. As a result of sin God cursed the serpent, what did God put between Satan and the woman (Genesis 3:14, 15)?

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The final part of the curse given in verse 15b is a prophecy. God makes reference to the death blow that her Seed, the Son of Man would deal to Satan on the cross and the bruise that Christ would receive on His heel from Satan. Jesus conquered Satan and death by His resurrection, giving us forgiveness and everlasting life.

12. WRITE out the judgments given to the woman (Genesis 3:16). _____

After God cursed Adam for sinning (vv. 17-19), Adam trusted God's promises and called his wife's name Eve, which means the *mother of all living*. God replaced their perishable garments of leaves for tunics of skin and covered them (vv. 20, 21). God sacrificed an animal in order to clothe Adam and Eve. Although the death of the animal and the shedding of its blood was a picture of how God would deal with sin, it did not provide remission of sin. Therefore, God sent the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, into the world to die and shed His blood on the cross that our sins would be removed once and for all.

PERSONAL

John 3:16 says; *For God so loved the world, that He gave His Only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.* Have you accepted God's supreme sacrifice to take away your sins and receive eternal life through His Son Jesus Christ? If not, pray now and ask God to forgive you, receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior, and be filled with His Holy Spirit.

13. Where did God send Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:22-24)? _____

What did He place at the east of the garden for their protection? _____

¹⁶ enmity: mutual hatred, hostility.

¹⁷ her Seed: Jesus Christ who would come from the seed of woman.

SECTION 5 - Motherhood

READ Genesis Chapter 4.

1. What did Eve name her first son (v. 1)? _____
What did she say about the LORD? _____
2. Eve conceived and bore another son. What was his name (v. 2)? _____
What were Cain and Abel's occupations? _____

3. What sacrifices did Cain and Abel bring to the Lord (vv. 3, 4a)?
Cain _____
Abel _____
4. What happened when God received the offerings (vv. 4b, 5)? _____

5. What questions did God ask Cain (vv. 6, 7a)? _____

Cain did not please God with his own sacrifice. The Lord made a last appeal to Cain to bring the required sin offering that Abel had brought by faith (Genesis 4:4, Hebrews 11:4). If he disobeyed God once more, sin would dominate his life.

PERSONAL

- Are you allowing sin to rule over you? READ Romans 6:11-13. What are you to do? _____

6. What was the final result of Cain's sin (Genesis 4:8)? _____

 7. Why did Cain murder Abel (I John 3:11, 12)? _____

8. Cain was unwilling to accept responsibility for the murder of his brother. How did God curse Cain (Genesis 4:9-12)?

9. Why did Cain fear God's curse (vv. 13, 14)?

10. Undeserving of God's mercy, what did God do for Cain to keep other men from killing him (v. 15)?

LOOK DEEPER

No one is deserving of God's mercy.¹⁸ DESCRIBE His mercy through the following Scriptures. NOTICE how God withholds the punishment we deserve because of His unending love.

Psalms 103:17

Psalms 108:4

Lamentations 3:22, 23

11. What was the most serious consequence of Cain's sin (Genesis 4:16)?

12. How was this similar to his parents' consequence of sin (Genesis 3:23, 24)?

13. God again blessed Eve and she conceived a third time. What was his name? What does Eve say about him (Genesis 4:25, 26)?

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¹⁸ mercy: God's compassion and divine favor in withholding the wrath we deserve.

¹⁹ Seth: Hebrew *sheth* substituted: the appointed one.

When Seth's son, Enosh, was born, what did men begin to do? _____

The death of Abel was the beginning of Satan's murderous attempt to prevent the birth of the Messiah, Jesus Christ, from coming into the world (John 8:44, 10:10). Eve showed faith and confidence in God's promise, and He gave her a third son, Seth. Through his bloodline came the Savior of the world whose sacrifice defeated Satan, the enemy of our souls.

PERSONAL

Of Eve's three sons mentioned in this chapter, two walked with God and one did not. If you are a mother, do you have a child that has walked away from God? Take time right now to lift that child up in prayer. James 5:16 says . . . *The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.* How does the following verse strengthen you and establish your faith in God?

Matthew 18:11-14 _____

READ the following Scriptures and WRITE down the commands and promises God gives to mothers to teach their children to call upon His name.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 _____

Proverbs 22:6 _____

MEMORY VERSE

_____ (Genesis 1:27).

Eve is an example of continuing trust and faith in God. She was the only woman that ever walked in sinless and Holy Communion with God, and then suffered the adverse consequences of her sin. Although she reaped the curse, she believed God's promise of the coming Savior. She allowed God to make her fruitful . . . she became Eve, the *mother of all living*.

NOTES: _____

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