



# Adam

“In the Beginning”

*“This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God.” Genesis 5:1*

We are told that after God had made the earth God knew that it needed human form, and so God created Adam and then Eve to be his helpmate. We believe we are made in the likeness of God, just as Adam was and that we are all part of God’s creation.

Why did God need Adam? Only Adam and Eve were promised a “rose garden”, and they lost it. We know that Adam was told to till the earth. However, he abused it just as we probably would have done! We’ll get to Eve’s part in a later devotional! Why does God need us? What is our purpose on earth? If we believe the Bible to be the word of God, then we realize that we are here to tell others about God and to live a life that is full and worthy of His love.

God gave Adam and Eve a second chance, and gives it to us every day. God knows we have a sinful nature because He gave us free will to do as we please. We often think we can handle it better than God, or at least make it happen faster!

Just as a first child changes the lives of the parents, the creation of Adam and man changed the pattern of life for God. Why do we want children? We believe they are a blessing, and I believe that God thinks we are a blessing today, every bit as much as when Adam and Eve were created.

God must be upset with us at times just as we get upset with our own children and other people in general, but God is always there. God never leaves us if we accept him into our lives. We know that we are told that God laughed at some people and cried for others. God does the same for us today, just as for the people mentioned in the Bible. We are given unconditional love. I believe that God laughs at us on occasion, but he also weeps for us. There is no better gift than His love.

In an unusual turn for these devotions, I would like to enter some levity from Mark Twain in his Diary of Adam and Eve. I think sometimes we need to laugh too!!! See if you can put yourself in Adam’s situation!

“MONDAY.--This new creature with the long hair is a good deal in the way. It is always hanging around and following me about. I don't like this; I am not used to company.”

“TUESDAY.--Been examining the great waterfall. It is the finest thing on the estate, I think. The new creature calls it Niagara Falls-- why, I am sure I do not know. Says it LOOKS like Niagara Falls. That is not a reason, it is mere waywardness and imbecility. I get no chance to name anything myself. The new creature names everything that comes along, before I can get in a protest. And always that same pretext is offered--it LOOKS like the thing.”

“WEDNESDAY.--Built me a shelter against the rain, but could not have it to myself in peace. The new creature intruded. When I tried to put it out it shed water out of the holes it looks with, and wiped it away with the back of its paws, and made a noise such as some of the other animals make when they are in distress. I wish it would not talk; it is always talking.”

“NEXT MONDAY.—The new creature says its name is Eve. That is all right. I have no objections. Says it is to call it by, when I want it to come. I said it was superfluous, then. The word evidently raised me in its respect; and indeed it is a large, good work and will bear repetition. It says it is not an It, it is a She. This is probably doubtful; yet it is all one to me; what she is were nothing to me if she would but go by herself and not talk.”

I hope you enjoyed and understand why God told us to laugh, and enjoy life, and dance! I’m not saying that Mark Twain had the situation under control! Do we? Sometimes it is fun to laugh at ourselves.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, we thank You for the creation and the order You have placed for us. We don’t understand how You did it, or why, but we are thankful that You cared and also that You have given us free will to do as we want. And especially, dear Lord, we are thankful for Your love and forgiveness when we, just like Adam and Eve, sin. We know that You will forgive us if only we ask because You love us so much. Amen.

1. Do you ever wonder why God created us when God had control of heaven already and did not need the headaches we would give Him?
2. Do you ever look at a flower or a tree, or even a bug, and wonder how God knew to create all things to “work together for good.”
3. Do you ever just look at the colors in the sky and see the beauty in one area that God has created and wonder “Why”?
4. How do we know that God loves us?

Adam: Adam is mentioned many times in the Bible, but the primary information about him is found in Genesis 2 through chapter 5. Other mention on him can be found for reference in Deut. 32:8; Josh 3:16; Josh 19:33-36; I Chron 1:1; Job 31:33; Ezek 3:9; Zech 7: 12; plus several mere mentions in the book of Ezra. In the New Testament, references may be found in Luke 3:38; Roman 5:14; I Cor. 15:22 and 45; I Tim. 2:13.

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