

Adam and Eve in the Garden

God places the first man and woman in the Garden of Eden, giving them dominion over creation and one command to obey.

Genesis 2:4-25

CHARACTERS: God, Adam, Eve

THEMES: Paradise, Marriage, Stewardship, Obedience

THE LORD GOD planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there He placed the man He had formed. It was paradise—rivers flowed through it, watering the land. Trees of every kind grew there, beautiful to look at and good for food. In the middle stood two special trees: the Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

God gave Adam work to do—to tend the garden and keep it. But He also gave one command: 'You may eat from any tree in the garden, but you must not eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. If you do, you will surely die.'

God brought all the animals to Adam to be named. Whatever Adam called each creature, that became its name. But among all the animals, no suitable helper was found for Adam.

So the Lord caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep. He took one of Adam's ribs and formed a woman from it. When God brought her to Adam, he was overjoyed: 'This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.'

Adam and Eve lived together in the garden without shame. They walked with God in the cool of the day, enjoying perfect fellowship with their Creator. Everything was as it should be.

