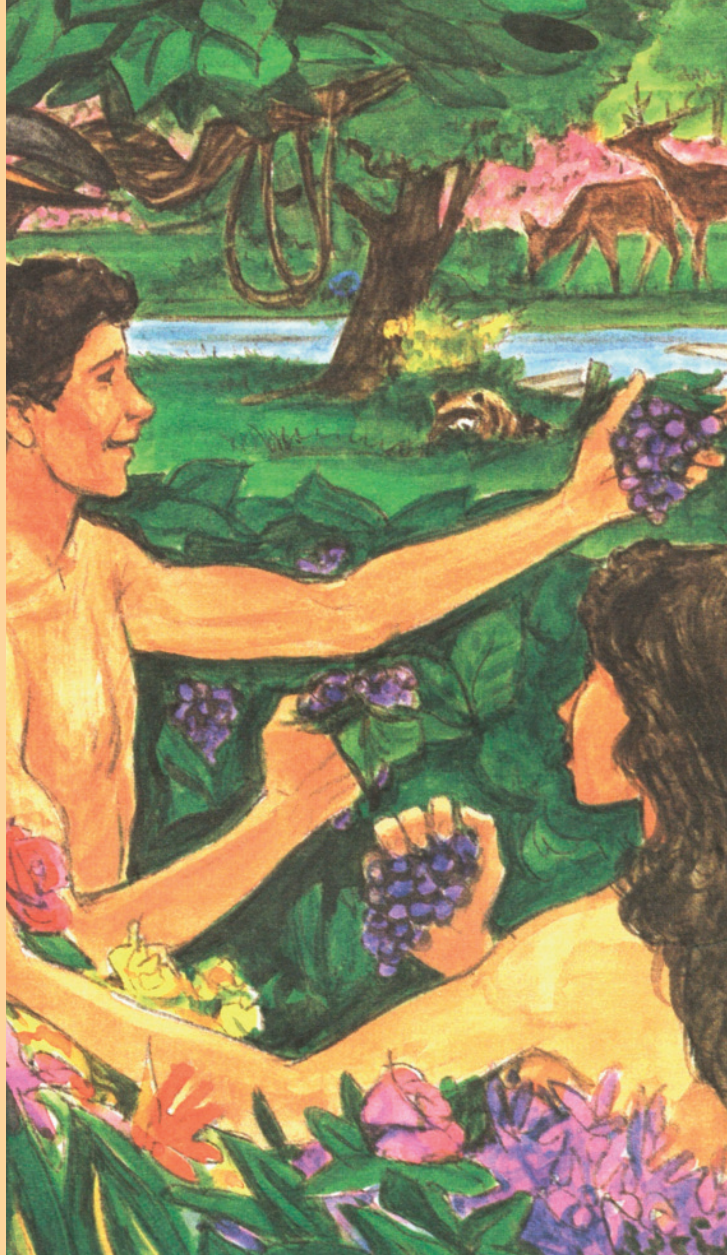


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## **Getting Started**

People have many questions about how we, men and women, as well as our world came into existence. This book tells us exactly how this took place. It is God who made the world. It is God who made man and woman. Study the lessons in this book and you will have a better understanding about ourselves and the world in which we live.

Each of the five chapters begins with a list of goals marked by a small star (\*). These goals tell you what you will be learning in that chapter. Within each chapter there are some questions for you to answer. At the end of each chapter there is a short test.

If you read the lesson carefully, you will be able to answer the questions in the short test. If you go back to the beginning of the chapter and check the goals (\*), you will see what you learned about those goals in the chapter. After each set of questions and after each chapter test, you will see a page number where you can find the correct answers to those questions. Check each of your answers and understand each answer before you read any further.

At the end of the book there is a final test. Before you take the final test, go back and review the chapter tests.

When you complete the final test, you can either turn it in to the person who gave you this book, or mail it to the address found on the back cover.

May God help you to have a better understanding of how the world and mankind was created by the almighty word of God.



*God creates a perfect world.*

# Genesis

## 1 *The Beginning*

1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth didn't have any shape. And it was empty. Darkness was over the surface of the ocean. At that time, the ocean covered the earth. The Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

3 God said, "Let there be light." And there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good. He separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light "day." He called the darkness "night." There was evening, and there was morning. It was day one.

6 God said, "Let there be a huge space between the waters. Let it separate water from water." 7 And that's exactly what happened. God made the huge space between the waters. He separated the water that was under the space from the water that was above it. 8 God called the huge space "sky." There was evening, and there was morning. It was day two.

9 God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered into one place. Let dry ground appear." And that's exactly what happened. 10 God called the dry ground "land." He called the waters that were gathered together "oceans." And God saw that it was good. 11 Then God said, "Let the land produce plants. Let them bear their own seeds. And let there be trees on the land that bear fruit with seeds in it.

Let each kind of plant or tree have its own kind of seeds." And that's exactly what happened. 12 The land produced plants. Each kind of plant had its own kind of seeds. The land produced trees that bore fruit with seeds in it. Each kind of tree had its own kind of seeds.

God saw that it was good. 13 And there was evening, and there was morning. It was day three.

14 God said, "Let there be lights in the huge space of the sky. Let them separate the day from the night. Let them serve as signs to mark off the seasons and the days and the years. 15 Let them serve as lights in the huge space of the sky to give light on the earth." And that's exactly what happened. 16 God made two great lights. He made the larger light to rule over the day. He made the smaller light to rule over the night. He also made the stars. 17 God put the lights in the huge space of the sky to give light on the earth. 18 He put them there to rule over the day and the night. He put them there to separate light from darkness.

God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening, and there was morning. It was day four.

20 God said, "Let the waters be filled with living things. Let birds fly above the earth across the huge space of the sky." 21 So God created the great creatures of the ocean. He

created every living and moving thing that fills the waters. He created all kinds of them. He created every kind of bird that flies. And God saw that it was good. 22 God blessed them. He said, "Have little ones and increase your numbers. Fill the water in the oceans. Let there be more and more birds on the earth." 23 There was evening, and there was morning. It was day five.

24 God said, "Let the land produce all kinds of living creatures. Let there be livestock, and creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals. Let there be all kinds of them." And that's exactly what happened. 25 God made all kinds of wild animals. He made all kinds of livestock. He made all kinds of creatures that move along the ground. And God saw that it was good. 26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our likeness. Let them rule over the fish in the waters and the birds of the air. Let them rule over the livestock and over the whole earth. Let them rule over all of the creatures that move along the ground."

27 So God created man in his own likeness. He created him in the likeness of God. He created them as male and female.

28 God blessed them. He said to them, "Have children and increase your numbers. Fill the earth and bring it under your control. Rule over the fish in the waters and the birds of the air. Rule over every living creature that moves on the ground." 29 Then God said, "I am giving you every plant on the face of the whole earth that bears its own seeds. I am giving you every tree that has fruit with seeds in it. All of them will be given to you for food. 30 "I am giving every green plant to all of the land animals and the birds of the air for food. I am also giving the plants to all of the creatures that move on the ground. I am giving them to every

living thing that breathes." And that's exactly what happened. 31 God saw everything he had made. And it was very good. There was evening, and there was morning. It was day six.

**2** 1 So the heavens and the earth and everything in them were completed.

2 By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing. So on the seventh day he rested from all of his work. 3 God blessed the seventh day and made it holy. He rested on it. After he had created everything, he rested from all of the work he had done.

#### *Adam and Eve*

4 Here is the story of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The Lord God made the earth and the heavens. 5 At that time, bushes had not appeared on the earth. Plants had not come up in the fields. The Lord God had not sent rain on the earth. And there wasn't any man to work the ground. 6 But streams came up from the earth. They watered the whole surface of the ground.

7 Then the Lord God formed a man. He made him out of the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into him. And the man became a living person.

8 The Lord God had planted a garden in the east. It was in Eden. There he put the man he had formed. 9 The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground. Their fruit was pleasing to look at and good to eat.

The tree that gives life forever was in the middle of the garden. The tree that gives the ability to tell the difference between good and evil was also there.

10 A river watered the garden. It flowed from Eden. From there it

separated into four other rivers.

11 The name of the first river is the Pishon. It winds through the whole land of Havilah. Gold is found there.

12 The gold of that land is good. Onyx and sweet-smelling resin are also found there.

13 The name of the second river is the Gihon. It winds through the whole land of Cush. 14 The name of the third river is the Tigris. It runs along the east side of Asshur. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

15 The Lord God put the man in the Garden of Eden. He put him there to work its ground and to take care of it.

16 The Lord God gave the man a command. He said, "You can eat the fruit of any tree that is in the garden.

17 But you must not eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you do, you can be sure that you will die."

18 The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him."

19 The Lord God had formed all of the wild animals. He had also formed all of the birds of the air. He had made all of them out of the ground. He brought them to the man to see what names he would give them. And the name the man gave each living creature became its name.

20 So the man gave names to all of the livestock. He gave names to all of the birds of the air. And he gave names to all of the wild animals.

But Adam didn't find a helper that was right for him. 21 So the Lord God caused him to fall into a deep sleep. While the man was sleeping, the Lord God took out one of his ribs. He closed up the opening that was in his side.

22 Then the Lord God made a woman. He made her from the rib he had taken out of the man. And he brought her to him.

23 The man said,

"Her bones have come from my bones.

Her body has come from my body.

She will be named 'woman,' because she was taken out of a man."

24 That's why a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife. The two of them will become one.

25 The man and his wife were both naked. They didn't feel any shame.

#### *Adam and Eve Fall Into Sin*

**3** 1 The serpent was more clever than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. The serpent said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat the fruit of any tree that is in the garden'?"

2 The woman said to the serpent, "We can eat the fruit of the trees that are in the garden. 3 But God did say, 'You must not eat the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden. Do not even touch it. If you do, you will die.'"

4 "You can be sure that you won't die," the serpent said to the woman. 5 "God knows that when you eat the fruit of that tree, you will know things you have never known before. You will be able to tell the difference between good and evil. You will be like God."

6 The woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good to eat. It was also pleasing to look at. And it would make a person wise. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her. And he ate it.

7 Then both of them knew things they had never known before. They realized they were naked. So they sewed fig leaves together and made clothes for themselves.

8 Then the man and his wife heard the Lord God walking in the garden. It was the coolest time of the day. They hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

9 But the Lord God called out to the man. "Where are you?" he asked.

10 "I heard you in the garden," the man answered. "I was afraid. I was naked, so I hid."

11 The Lord God said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten the fruit of the tree I commanded you not to eat?"

12 The man said, "It was the woman you put here with me. She gave me some fruit from the tree. And I ate it."

13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What have you done?"

The woman said, "The serpent tricked me. That's why I ate the fruit."

14 So the Lord God spoke to the serpent. He said, "Because you have done this,

"I am putting a curse on you. You are cursed more than all of the livestock and all of the wild animals.

You will crawl on the ground. You will eat dust all of the days of your life.

15 I will put hatred between you and the woman. Your children and her children will be enemies.

Her son will crush your head. And you will crush his heel."

16 The Lord God said to the woman,

"I will greatly increase your pain when you give birth. You will be in pain when you have children. You will long

for your husband. And he will rule over you."

17 The Lord God said to Adam, "You listened to your wife. You ate the fruit of the tree that I commanded you about. I said, 'You must not eat its fruit.'

"So I am putting a curse on the ground because of what you did.

All the days of your life you will have to work hard to get food from the ground.

18 You will eat the plants of the field, even though the ground produces thorns and thistles.

19 You will have to work hard and sweat a lot to produce the food you eat.

You were made out of the ground. And you will return to it.

You are dust. So you will return to it."

20 Adam named his wife Eve. She would become the mother of every living person.

21 The Lord God made clothes out of animal skins for Adam and his wife to wear. 22 The Lord God said, "The man has become like one of us. He can now tell the difference between good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and pick fruit from the tree of life and eat it. If he does, he will live forever."

23 So the Lord God drove the man out of the Garden of Eden to work the ground he had been made out of. 24 The Lord God drove him out and then placed cherubim on the east side of the Garden of Eden. He also placed a flaming sword there. It flashed back and forth. The cherubim and the sword guarded the way to the tree of life.





## *Chapter One*

# **The triune God made the world**

Where did the world come from? How did people get here? These are questions we often think about. Where will we find answers to these questions? When we want answers to our questions, we go to someone who knows the answers. If we want to find out how our favorite football team played in their last game, we ask someone who saw the game. We do

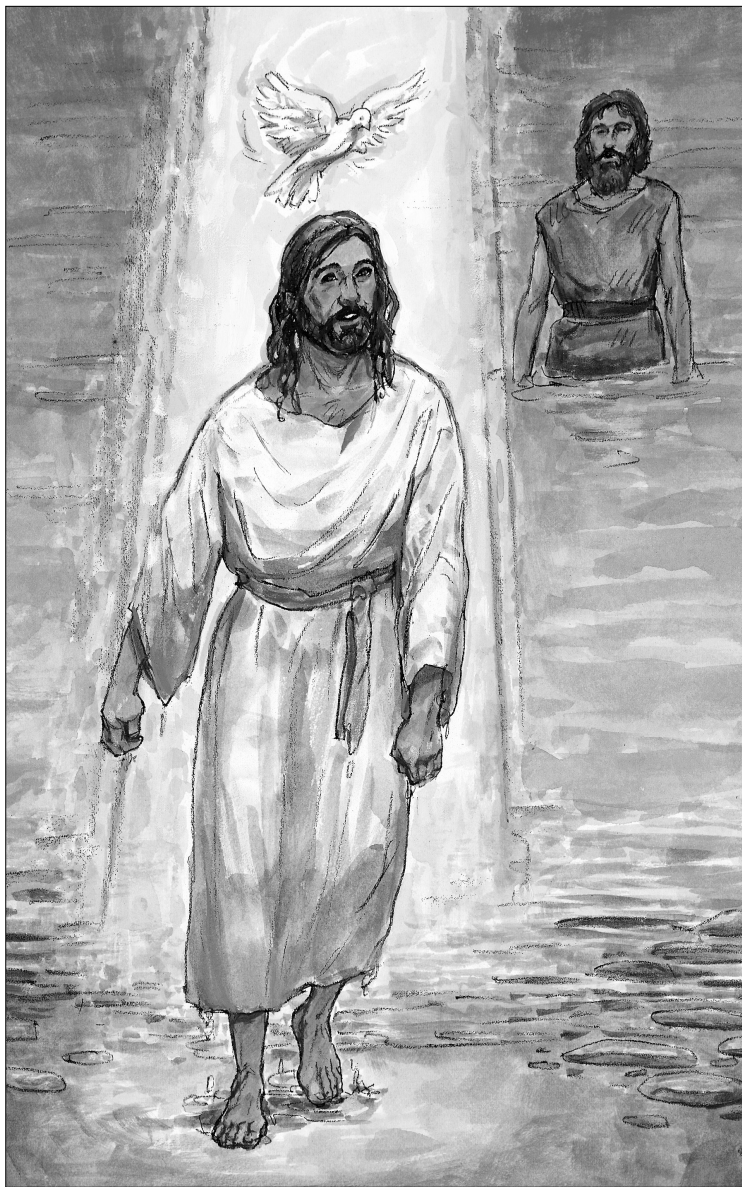
not ask someone who never saw the game to guess how our team played. In the same way, if we want to find out how this world came into being and how we got here, we will get our answers from the only One who was there when the world began. God was the only One who was there. He made the world. Therefore, he can tell us where the world came from and how we got here. By the time you finish this chapter, you will be able to:

- \* tell how the world came into being; and
- \* tell how people began to live on this earth.

Genesis, the first book of the Bible, tells us: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). Who made the world? God did. God was there at the beginning. He is, and he always was, and he always will be the only God who exists. In his Word to us, the Bible, he tells us: "I am the Lord. I have made everything. I alone spread out the heavens. I formed the earth by myself" (Isaiah 44:24).

There is only one God (1 Corinthians 8:4). The Bible tells us, “Listen to me. The Lord is our God. The Lord is the one and only God” (Deuteronomy 6:4). It surprises us to learn, however, that there are three persons in the one and only God. He is triune (three in one). Jesus, who is God the Son, speaks of the triune God when he says, “Go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19). God the Father (Genesis 1:1), God the Son (John 1:3), and God the Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:2), is the one true God, who made the world. God doesn’t ask us to explain how he is triune. We cannot explain this. Yet, we believe it because this is what God tells us about himself in the Bible.

How did God make the world? When we make something, we need to have building materials. If you want to build a house, you need lumber and other supplies to build it. God, however, did not need any material in order to make the world. He made it out of nothing (Hebrews 11:3). He spoke and the world came into



*God the Father speaks and the Holy Spirit comes down on Jesus as a dove when Jesus is baptized.*

existence. Since no one was present when God made the world, we let God tell us how he made it. Our faith is based on what God tells us in the Bible.

1. The book of \_\_\_\_\_ tells us that \_\_\_\_\_ made the world.
2. God is \_\_\_\_\_. The three persons of the Trinity are: God the \_\_\_\_\_, God the \_\_\_\_\_, and God the Holy \_\_\_\_\_.
3. God made the world out of \_\_\_\_\_.

*(Check your answers on page 16)*

Some people think the world came into being by itself over many millions of years. The Bible, however, tells us God made the world in six days. We believe that those six creation days were about the same length as days are now because they each had a morning and an evening. "There was evening, and there was morning" (Genesis 1:5). The Bible also compares the six days of creation to the six days the people of Israel worked each week. God tells Moses, "In six days I made the

heavens and the earth... But I rested on the seventh day” (Exodus 20:11). In six, twenty-four hour days, God made the heavens and the earth, and everything in them.

**On the first day**, God made the earth, the planet on which we live and the building material for everything else in the universe. “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth did not have any shape and it was empty.” It had no plants, animals, or people. God added them on later days. Water covered everything on the earth, and “darkness was over the surface of the ocean” (Genesis 1:2). God also created light on the first day so there could be day and night on the earth. “God said, ‘Let there be light.’ And there was light” (Genesis 1:3).

**On the second day**, God separated the waters on the earth from the waters above it. God called the space between the waters, “the sky,” a place where the birds would fly. It also contained the atmosphere, the air we breathe, making life possible on the earth.

**On the third day**, God shaped the surface of the earth, creating some very low areas for the oceans, and he made dry land appear. This is the place on which many of God's creatures would live. He also created plants and trees which could produce other plants and trees. The plants and fruit trees would give food to eat and would also be beautiful to see.

**On the fourth day**, God organized the material in the heavens, making the lights in the sky that we call the sun, the moon, and the stars. All of those lights began to serve the earth. The sun supplied heat and light so the earth could support life. The moon reflected the light of the sun, and together with the sun and other the stars, it began to measure time. The stars also would guide people as they would travel the earth. There are countless numbers of stars and planets. Yet, God knows each one of them and calls them all by name. The Psalm writer tells us, "He (God) decides how many stars there should be. He gives each one of them a name" (Psalm 147:4). He made them all, and placed them into the heavens.

**On the fifth day,** God made the fish and all the creatures that swim in the water. He also made the birds and other winged creatures that fly in the sky. He made each kind of animal so it could produce more animals like itself.

**On the sixth day,** God made the creatures that live on the land. He made the farm animals such as cows and sheep. He made the wild animals, such as lions and bears. He made the reptiles such as snakes and lizards. He gave all the creatures on land the ability to produce other creatures like themselves. On the sixth day, God also made Adam and Eve, the first people on this earth. God made them in a very special way. We will consider that in the next chapter.

**On the seventh day,** God stopped making things. The Bible tells us, “He rested” (Genesis 2:2). This does not mean God was tired. It means God used the seventh day to live in happiness with the world he made. The Bible also tells us that when God looked over the world and everything he had made, it was



“very good” (Genesis 1:31). God did not make a world with evil in it. His creation was perfect in every way.

4. God made the world in \_\_\_\_\_ days.
5. Each day had a \_\_\_\_\_ and an \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The Bible compares the six days of creation to the six days the people of Israel were to \_\_\_\_\_.
7. On the first day, God made the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.
8. On the second day, God made the \_\_\_\_\_.
9. On the third day, God made the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.
10. On the fourth day, God made the \_\_\_\_\_, moon, and \_\_\_\_\_.
11. On the fifth day, God made the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.
12. On day six, God made the land \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and Eve.
13. Everything God made was \_\_\_\_\_ good.
14. On the seventh day, God \_\_\_\_\_.

*(Check your answers on page 16)*

## Review of Chapter One

In the beginning the triune God (the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit) made the world and everything in it. He created all things out of nothing in six days. On the first day, God made the heavens, the earth, and light. On the second day, God separated the waters on the earth from the waters above the earth. On the third day, God created the seas and the dry land together with the plants and trees that grow on dry land. On the fourth day, God made the sun, the moon, and the stars. On the fifth day, God made the fish in the waters and the birds which fly through the air. On the sixth day, God made the creatures that live on land. God also made his best creation, the first two people, Adam and Eve. On the seventh day, God stopped making things. He used the day to live in happiness with the world he created. When God looked over the world and everything he made, it was “very good.” God did not make a world with evil in it. His creation was perfect in every way.

**Answers to questions within Chapter One:**

1. Genesis, God;
2. triune, Father, Son, Spirit;
3. nothing;
4. six;
5. morning, evening;
6. work;
7. heavens, earth;
8. sky;
9. land, plants;
10. sun, stars;
11. fish, birds;
12. animals, Adam;
13. very;
14. rested.

## Test on Chapter One

1. The book of \_\_\_\_\_ tells us that \_\_\_\_\_ made the world.
2. God is \_\_\_\_\_. The three persons of the Trinity are: God the \_\_\_\_\_, God the \_\_\_\_\_, and God the Holy \_\_\_\_\_.
3. God made the world out of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. God made the world in \_\_\_\_\_ days.
5. Each day had a \_\_\_\_\_ and an \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The Bible compares the six days of creation to the six days the people of Israel were to \_\_\_\_\_.
7. On the first day, God made the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.
8. On the second day, God made the \_\_\_\_\_.
9. On the third day, God made the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.
10. On the fourth day, God made the \_\_\_\_\_, moon, and \_\_\_\_\_.

11. On the fifth day, God made the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.
12. On day six, God made the land \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and Eve.
13. Everything God made was \_\_\_\_\_ good.
14. On the seventh day, God \_\_\_\_\_.

*(Check your answers on page 85)*

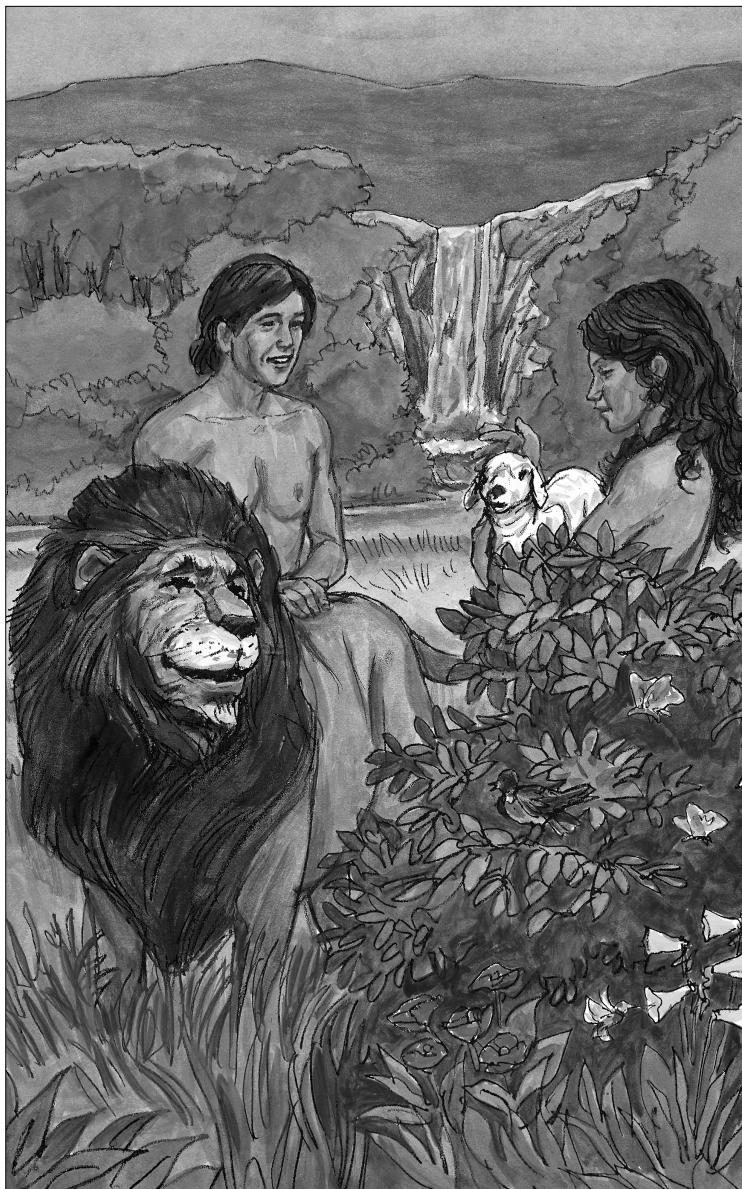


## ***Chapter Two***

# **Man and woman are the best of God's creation**

How did we get here? The Bible tells us that God created two perfect people for the perfect world he had made. All people come from Adam and Eve, the first two people. By the end of this chapter, you will be able to tell:

- \* how God made Adam, the first man;
- \* how God made Eve, the first woman;
- \* how God made them both perfect; and
- \* how much God loved them.



*God placed Adam and Eve into a perfect world.*

When newspaper people write a story, they begin by telling what happened. Later, as they write, they will give the details of the story.

God had Moses, the writer of the first five books of the Bible, write the account of creation the same way. In chapter one of Genesis, Moses gives us a general outline of what happened during creation week. In chapter two, he gives us some details of what God did during the six days of creation. For example, Genesis chapter two gives details of how God created the first man and woman.

The first person on this earth did not develop from some animal such as a chimpanzee. Nor did God make Adam out of nothing. Instead, God made the first man in a very special way. He made Adam out of the dust of the earth. In the same way as a potter takes a piece of clay and very carefully fashions it into a beautiful piece of pottery, God very carefully made the first man from the dust of the earth. The body and the organs inside of Adam were all made by God out of the dust.

But, the body and the organs by themselves did not make Adam a living person. The Bible tells us God “breathed the breath of life into him. And the man became a living person” (Genesis 2:7). God gave Adam a soul. The soul gives life. The body and the soul together make a living person. The soul also gives people the ability to reason or think. It gives people emotions or feelings. When the soul leaves the body, the person is dead. The soul, however, lives on after death. The person’s body will decay, but the soul never dies. On judgment day, God will reunite soul and body.

God created Adam to be a very smart, intelligent man. After God created Adam, he told him to name all of the animals. Adam had no problem giving names to all the animals. God also created Adam with the ability to care for everything God had created on earth.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ made the first person on earth.
2. God made the first man from the \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth.



3. To make Adam a living being, God gave him a \_\_\_\_\_.
4. God created Adam to be a very \_\_\_\_\_ man.

*(Check your answers on page 27)*

God made Adam first. He is the one from whom the whole human race came. But, where did the first woman come from? The Bible tells us that God made the first woman out of the first man. Eve, the first woman, came from Adam.

God made Eve to be a perfect helper for Adam. On day six of creation week, God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone" (Genesis 2:18). So he created Eve to be Adam's wife. God put Adam into a deep sleep. Think of the sleep you enter when you have an operation at the hospital. While Adam was asleep, God removed one of Adam's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. He then created Eve from the rib he had taken from Adam. Exactly how God did all of this, we leave to God. We believe what he tells us in the Bible.

God then brought Eve to Adam, and in this way, God began their marriage. Adam had named all of the other creatures, and he knew that God created Eve out of him. So he called his wife, this new creature that God had made, “woman,” because God took her from “man.” We read about this in Genesis 2:23, “The man said, ‘Her bones have come from my bones. Her body has come from my body. She will be named “woman,” because she was taken out of a man.’” When God united one man and one woman in marriage, he was making it clear that he wants marriage to be between two people of the opposite sex. God made marriage so that a man and a woman can share their lives with each other rather than live alone, and so that children will be born and brought up in a home by two parents. Marriage is a blessing (a good thing) God gave to us.

5. God made \_\_\_\_\_ out of man.
6. God wants one \_\_\_\_\_ and one \_\_\_\_\_ to be joined in marriage.
7. Marriage is a \_\_\_\_\_ God gave to us.

*(Check your answers on page 27)*

God also gave Adam and Eve another blessing. The Bible tells us God made them in his own image or likeness. This does not mean Adam and Eve looked like God. "God is spirit" (John 4:24), and we are made of flesh and blood. Adam and Eve were like God in a spiritual way. Adam and Eve knew God as their best friend. They knew what God wanted them to do. They also wanted to do what God wanted them to do. And they were able to do all God wanted them to do. Many people think they can be happy only when they are doing what God does not want them to do. Adam and Eve were perfectly happy obeying him. They wanted to serve God.

God made it a joy for Adam and Eve to serve him. They served God cheerfully as a way of saying "thank you" to God for his goodness. God made a special garden into which he put Adam and Eve. It was a beautiful garden full of plants and trees. God gave Adam and Eve the authority to manage the rest of his creation on earth. He gave them work to do. That work was not painful or hard. It was very pleasant

for them. The animals obeyed Adam and Eve. There were no weeds to choke the plants in the garden, and even the bugs did not spoil what God had made. When Adam and Eve looked at the special garden into which God placed them, they saw how much he loved them.

8. God made Adam and Eve in his own \_\_\_\_\_.

9. Adam and Eve were happy to \_\_\_\_\_ God.

10. God created a special \_\_\_\_\_ to show Adam and Eve how much he loved them.

*(Check your answers on page 27)*

## Review of Chapter Two

God made the first man in a very special way. He made him out of the dust of the earth. God gave Adam a soul. This made him a living person. God made Eve to be a perfect helper for Adam. He made Eve from a rib he had taken from Adam. God then brought Eve to Adam and united them in marriage. God wants marriage to be between one man and one woman. God made Adam and Eve in his own image or likeness. This means, they knew God as their best friend; they wanted to do his will; and they could do his will. God showed Adam and Eve how much he loved them by making a special garden into which he placed them. God gave Adam and Eve authority to manage the rest of his creation on earth.

**Answers to questions within Chapter Two:**

1. God; 2. dust; 3. soul; 4. smart; 5. woman; 6. man, woman;  
7. blessing or good thing; 8. image; 9. serve; 10. garden.

## Test on Chapter Two

1. \_\_\_\_\_ made the first person on earth.
2. God made the first man from the \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth.
3. To make Adam a living person, God gave him a \_\_\_\_\_.
4. God created Adam to be a very \_\_\_\_\_ man.
5. God made \_\_\_\_\_ out of man.
6. God wants one \_\_\_\_\_ and one \_\_\_\_\_ to be joined in marriage.
7. Marriage is a \_\_\_\_\_ God gave to us.
8. God made Adam and Eve in his own \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Adam and Eve were happy to \_\_\_\_\_ God.
10. God created a special \_\_\_\_\_ to show Adam and Eve how much he loved them.

*(Check your answers on page 85)*



### ***Chapter Three***

## **Angels and demons are part of this world**

God made a perfect world. He put two perfect people into his perfect world. They were both perfectly happy. How, then, did this world turn into a place of such misery and sorrow? The Bible tells us that, in the first place, trouble started when some of the angels God had made rebelled against him. These rebellious



*Angels are God's messengers.*



angels became the devil and his demons, who are still causing misery in our world today. The angels who obeyed God, the good angels, carry out God's will in this world. The devil and his demons are the evil angels. They try to oppose God's will. After finishing this chapter, you will be able to tell:

- \* where the devil came from;
- \* how the good angels serve God in this world; and
- \* how the evil angels try to oppose God's will.

The Bible tells us that God made the angels sometime during the six days of creation. The apostle Paul writes, "All things were created by him. He created everything in heaven and on earth. He created everything that can be seen and that can't be seen" (Colossians 1:16). In Genesis 2:1 Moses writes, "So the heavens and the earth and everything in them were completed." The name "angel" means "messenger." The angels are spiritual beings made by God to be his messengers and to carry out his will. God did not make any bad

angels. He made all angels with the ability to obey him or to disobey him. God wanted the angels to serve him willingly.

The Bible tells us that the devil chose to disobey God. He rebelled against God, his Maker. A number of the other angels also chose to disobey God and rebel against him. "Some of the angels didn't stay where they belonged. They didn't keep their positions of authority. The Lord has kept those angels in darkness. They are held by chains that last forever. On judgment day, God will judge them" (Jude 6). The devil and his angels sinned, for rebellion against God is sin. God did not give these angels a second chance. He did not send Jesus to save them. Instead, God threw the evil angels out of heaven. God said that on judgment day they would be sent away to the torments of hell forever. The evil angels cannot obey God. They do not desire to serve him. All they can do is sin. Sin is rebelling against God.

The good angels chose to obey God. God then made it impossible for them to disobey him.

The good angels love God. They always see his face. Jesus said, "Angels in heaven can go at any time to see my Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 18:10). They do not want to sin. They serve God and joyfully do his will.

Angels are powerful creatures. The apostle Paul writes, "He (Jesus) will come with the angels who are given the power to do what God wants" (2 Thessalonians 1:7). They have powers which we do not have. Yet, even though angels are powerful, they all are still under the control of God who alone is all-powerful.

How many angels are there? We do not know. The Bible only tells us there are a great number of angels (Luke 2:13). The number will not get bigger or smaller, for the angels do not have children, and they do not die.

1. When God created the angels, they could either \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ God.
2. The devil and his followers chose to \_\_\_\_\_ God.

3. God made it impossible for the \_\_\_\_\_ angels to sin.
4. There are a \_\_\_\_\_ number of angels.

*(Check your answers on page 37)*

God uses the good angels to carry out what he wants done in this world. He sends the good angels to protect those who believe in Jesus. The Psalm writer tells us, "The Lord will command his angels to take good care of you" (Psalm 91:11,12). God sent the good angels to deliver messages about what he did to save us. For example, on Christmas Eve the good angels announced the birth of Jesus. On Easter, they told Jesus' followers that Jesus had risen from the dead. God also sends the good angels to carry the souls of believers to heaven.

The devil and his angels are God's enemies. They are your enemies. Some people may laugh at the idea that there is a devil. They think he is merely some comical person with a forked tail, horns on his head, and a sharp fork in his hand. However, the Bible describes the



*An angel tells Mary she is to be the mother of Jesus.*

devil as a liar and as a murderer. He tells us lies to lead us into sin and away from God. He wants us to think that we cannot have any fun serving God, that instead we can have fun serving him. Serving the devil does not lead to fun, however. It leads to hell. The devil is a murderer. He likes to see people suffer. He wants people to suffer forever with him in hell. How did evil get into God's good creation? Some of the good angels decided to do evil. They rebelled against God. Then the devil, the leader of these fallen angels, brought evil to the world by tempting Adam and Eve to believe a lie and to sin against God.

5. God sends the good angels to \_\_\_\_\_ those who believe in Jesus.
6. The good angels carry the souls of believers to \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The Bible describes the devil as a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The devil tells us \_\_\_\_\_ to lead us into sin and away from God.
9. The devil wants people to \_\_\_\_\_ forever with him in hell.

10. The devil brought \_\_\_\_\_ into this world.

*(Check your answers on page 37)*

### **Review of Chapter Three**

Sometime during the six days of creation, God made the angels. He made the angels with the ability to obey God or to disobey him. The devil chose to disobey God. A number of other angels also chose to disobey God and rebel against him. God threw the evil angels out of heaven and said that on judgment day they would be sent away to the torments of hell forever. The good angels chose to obey God. They serve God and joyfully do his will. God uses the good angels to carry out what he wants done in this world. The devil is God's enemy and our enemy. The Bible tells us the devil is a liar and a murderer. The devil tells us lies to lead us away from God. He wants people to suffer with him in hell. The devil and the demons are evil and dangerous.

**Answers to questions within Chapter Three:**

1. obey, disobey; 2. disobey; 3. good; 4. great; 5. protect; 6. heaven;  
7. liar, murderer; 8. lies; 9. suffer; 10. evil.

### Test on Chapter Three

1. When God created the angels, they could either \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ God.
2. The devil and his followers chose to \_\_\_\_\_ God.
3. God made it impossible for the \_\_\_\_\_ angels to sin.
4. There are a \_\_\_\_\_ number of angels.
5. God sends the good angels to \_\_\_\_\_ those who believe in Jesus.
6. The good angels carry the souls of believers to \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The Bible describes the devil as a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The devil tells us \_\_\_\_\_ to lead us into sin and away from God.
9. The devil wants people to \_\_\_\_\_ forever with him in hell.
10. The devil brought \_\_\_\_\_ into this world.

*(Check your answers on page 85)*

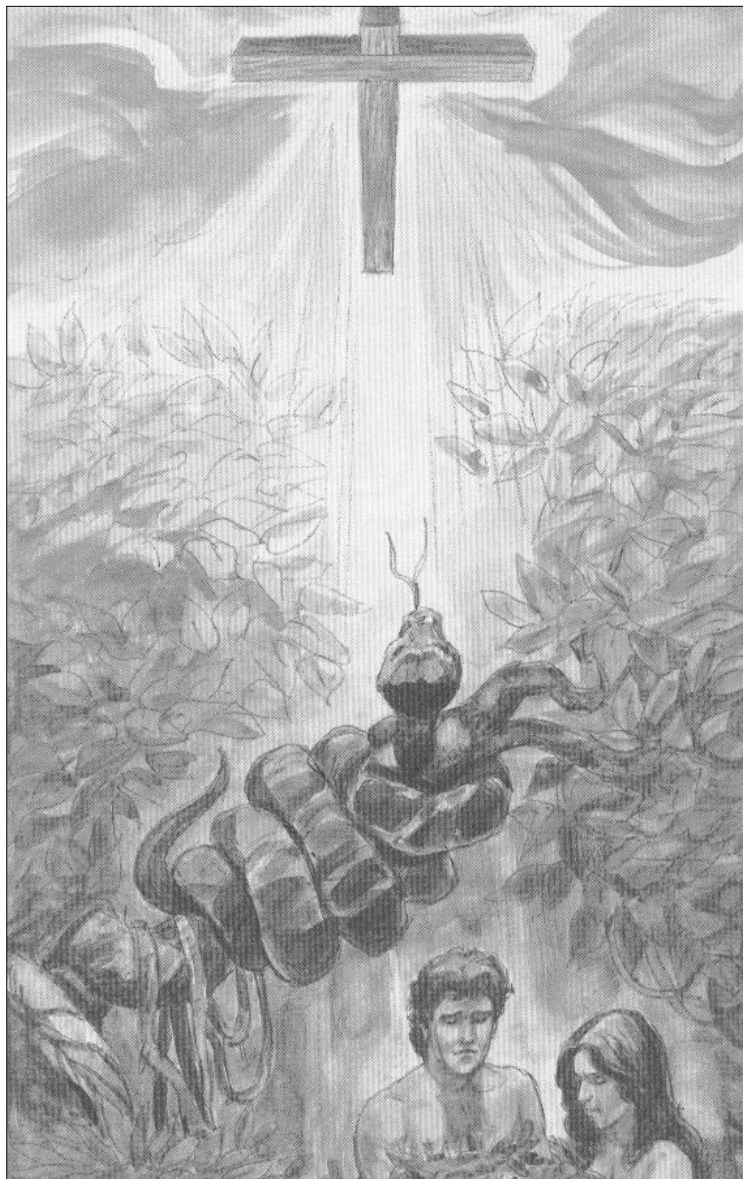




## ***Chapter Four***

# **Sin corrupted God's good creation**

The devil brought sin and evil into his life and into the lives of many other angels. However, it was not simply because of the devil's fall into sin that this world became corrupt. This world became corrupt because Adam and Eve disobeyed God. By the time you finish this chapter, you will be able to:



*Satan tempts Eve. Adam and Eve eat of the forbidden fruit.*

- \* tell how Adam and Eve brought sin into this world; and
- \* tell how sin has corrupted God's good creation.

God told Adam that he and Eve could eat from any tree in the garden. However, there was one tree from which they were not to eat. The Lord told them not to eat from a tree called "the tree of the knowledge of good and evil" (Genesis 2:17). We do not know what kind of fruit was on this tree. It was special because God connected its fruit to his word. That word was God's command, "you must not eat the fruit." God was not being unkind when he said this. He was giving the two people he greatly loved a chance to show their love for him. God was very good to Adam and Eve, giving them permission to eat from all of the other trees in the garden. Adam and Eve were able to show their thankfulness and love to God by keeping God's commandment not to eat from this one, single tree.

However, the devil tempted Eve to disobey God. He came to her, using the body of a

snake. The devil asked Eve, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat the fruit of any tree that is in the garden?’” (Genesis 3:1). The devil wanted Eve either to deny that God gave his command or to think that God wasn’t good because he gave it. Eve told the devil that God had said they could eat from the trees in the garden. Then she added, “God did say, ‘You must not eat the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden. Do not even touch it. If you do, you will die’” (Genesis 3:3).

The devil then told Eve a great and terrible lie. He told Eve that she and Adam would not die if they ate from the tree. He said that the only reason God did not want them to eat from that tree was that they would become gods by eating its fruit. Eve believed the lie of the devil. She now looked at the fruit as something to be desired instead of something to be avoided. She no longer wanted to do God’s will. She believed that her good and loving God was someone who was not telling her everything. She took the fruit and ate it. She gave some of the fruit to Adam, who was with her, and he ate it, also disobeying God.

1. God told Adam and Eve they were not to eat from “the tree of the knowledge of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.”
2. God said that Adam and Eve could eat from \_\_\_\_\_ of the other trees in the garden.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ tempted Eve to disobey God.
4. Eve gave some of the fruit to \_\_\_\_\_.

*(Check your answers on page 51)*

When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they changed. They became sinners. Sin is breaking God’s law. They did not love God anymore. They now thought of God as their enemy, not their friend. They did not want to keep God’s commandments. They wanted to do the opposite of what God commanded. Because they did not love God the way they should, they did not love each other the way they should. They became selfish. Adam was willing to sacrifice Eve in order to save himself from God’s terrible warning: “you will die.” The Lord asked Adam, “Have you eaten the fruit of the tree I commanded you not to eat?” (Genesis 3:11). Adam said, “It was the woman

you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree. And I ate it” (Genesis 3:12).

Adam blamed Eve for his sin, saying it was her fault that he sinned. Adam also blamed God for his sin, because he said that God gave Eve to him. Next, Eve also refused to accept responsibility for her sin. She said it was the snake’s fault that she sinned. She said, “The serpent tricked me. That’s why I ate the fruit” (Genesis 3:13).

This sinful nature has been passed on by Adam and Eve to us and to all people. God had made Adam and Eve holy, like himself. “God created man in his own likeness. He created him in the likeness of God. He created them as male and female” (Genesis 1:27). This meant that God created Adam and Eve so they knew his will, wanted to do his will, and could do his will. But after Adam sinned, he changed. And later, when he had a son, the child was sinful, like himself. “When Adam was 130 years old, he had a son in his own likeness” (Genesis 5:3). Since that time, all children are born with a sinful nature or with the likeness of their



*Adam and Eve's life was changed because they sinned.*

sinful fathers and mothers. From the beginning of our lives, we are not the holy people God wants us to be. We come into this world corrupted by sin. We do not have the holiness God demands of us. Instead, we have a lust or evil desire to do what God forbids and to avoid what he commands. This sin which is in us from the moment we start to live we call “original” or “inherited” sin.

5. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they \_\_\_\_\_.
6. They now looked upon God as their \_\_\_\_\_, not their \_\_\_\_\_.
7. From the beginning of our lives, we are not the \_\_\_\_\_ people God wants us to be.
8. The sin we bring with us when we come into this world, we call \_\_\_\_\_ sin.

*(Check your answers on page 51)*

Because we come into this world sinful, we also think, say, and do what is sinful. God tells us to love him more than anyone and anything. Instead, we love ourselves, money, power, fame, property, and other people more than we



love God. God tells us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. Instead, we often disobey those whom God has placed over us, such as parents and the government. We hurt and harm our neighbor instead of helping him. We may fill our hearts with thoughts of anger and hatred toward others, rather than loving them as God loves us. Instead of loving and honoring our wife or husband, we may have sex with people to whom we are not married. We may fill our hearts with sinful thoughts about having sex with people to whom we are not married. Instead of helping others keep their property, we may try to steal things from them. Instead of speaking the truth about our neighbor and to our neighbor, we may tell lies about him or to him. Instead of being happy with what God has given us, we may fill our hearts with thoughts of jealousy, greed, and discontent. This may move us to try to get our neighbor's things away from him.

Sin has consequences. It has broken our connection, our friendship with God and made him angry with us. God is a holy God. He tells



*King Ahab desires and steals Naboth's property.*

us that we are to be as perfect as he is. Jesus tells us, "So be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect (Matthew 5:48). This means that one act of disobedience is enough to bring us under his judgment God tells us through James, "Suppose you keep the whole law but trip over just one part of it. Then you are guilty of breaking all of it" (James 2:10). We have all done far more than just one sin against God. We sin many times in many ways each day. We have all missed the holiness target. We do not have the perfection God demands of us. The apostle Paul writes, "Everyone has sinned. No one measures up to God's glory" (Romans 3:23). We all deserve to suffer the punishment for our sins that God prepared for the devil, God's eternal judgment in hell.

If God would give us what we deserve, we would spend eternity in hell. Instead, God transferred the punishment we deserve to his Son, Jesus. God sent Jesus to pay for the sins of the whole world, so that through faith in him we have eternal life. "God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son.

Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life” (John 3:16). This is the good news we will discuss in the coming chapter.

9. Because we are sinful, we \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ what  
is sinful.
10. Sin has \_\_\_\_\_.
11. God tells us to be \_\_\_\_\_.
12. We sin \_\_\_\_\_ times in many  
\_\_\_\_\_ each day.
13. We all deserve to suffer God’s eternal  
\_\_\_\_\_ in hell.
14. God sent Jesus to pay for the sins of the  
\_\_\_\_\_ world.

*(Check your answers on page 51)*

## Review of Chapter Four

God told Adam and Eve they could eat from any tree in the garden. However, they were not to eat from the tree called the “tree of the knowledge of good and evil.” The devil tempted Eve to disobey God. She doubted God’s love. She took the fruit and ate it. Eve gave some of the fruit to Adam and he also ate it. They both sinned by disobeying God. When they sinned, they changed. They lost their love for God, and they lost their love for each other. This sinful nature has been passed on by Adam and Eve to us and to all people. We come into this world corrupted by sin. We think, say, and do what is sinful. Sin has made God angry with us. Because we disobey God, we deserve to suffer punishment for our sins. If God gave us what we deserve, we would spend eternity in hell. Thank God he sent Jesus to pay for the sins of all people.

**Answers to questions within Chapter Four:**

1. good, evil; 2. all; 3. devil; 4. Adam; 5. changed; 6. enemy, friend;
7. holy; 8. original or birth; 9. do, say, think; 10. consequences;
11. perfect; 12. many, ways; 13. judgment; 14. whole.

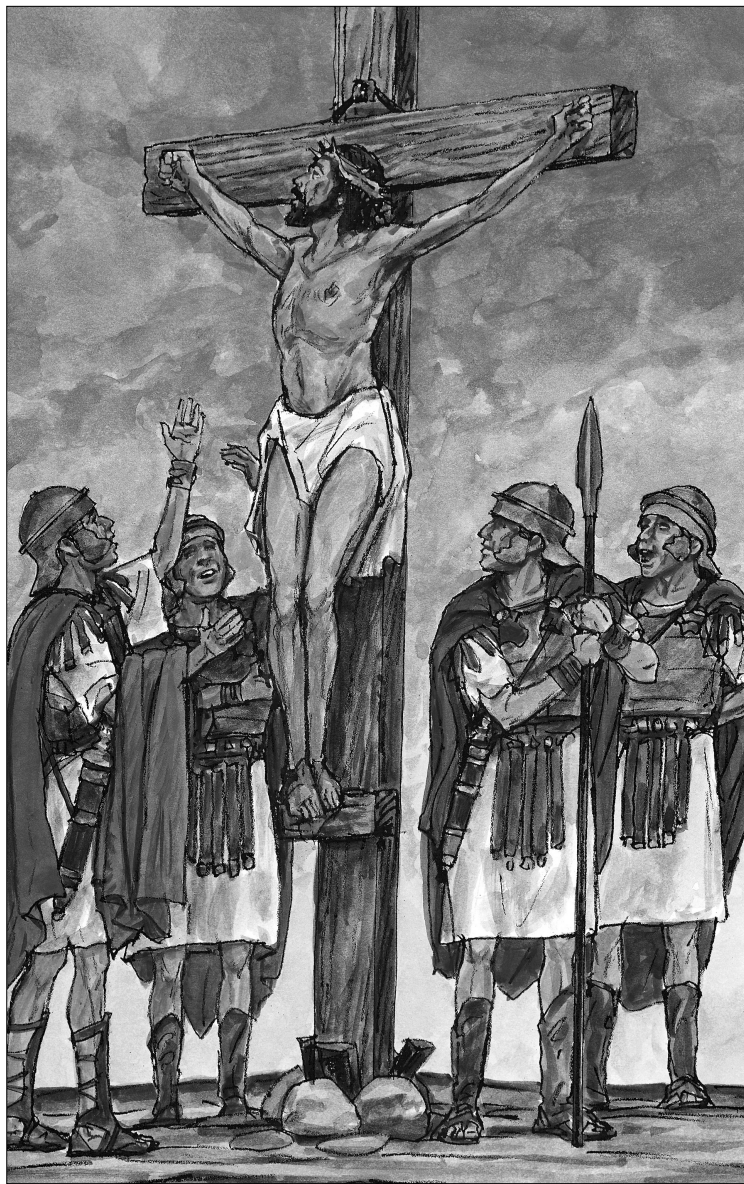
## Test on Chapter Four

1. God told Adam and Eve they were not to eat from “the tree of the knowledge of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.”
2. God said that Adam and Eve could eat from \_\_\_\_\_ of the other trees in the garden.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ tempted Eve to disobey God.
4. Eve gave some of the fruit to \_\_\_\_\_.
5. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they \_\_\_\_\_.
6. They now looked upon God as their \_\_\_\_\_, not their \_\_\_\_\_.
7. From the beginning of our lives, we are not the \_\_\_\_\_ people God wants us to be.
8. The sin with which we come into this world, we call \_\_\_\_\_ sin.
9. Because we are sinful, we \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ what is sinful.
10. Sin has \_\_\_\_\_.
11. God tells us to be \_\_\_\_\_.
12. We sin \_\_\_\_\_ times in many \_\_\_\_\_ each day.

13. We all deserve to suffer God's eternal  
\_\_\_\_\_ in hell.

14. God sent Jesus to pay for the sins of the  
\_\_\_\_\_ world.

*(Check your answers on page 85)*



*Jesus suffers for the sins of all people.*





## *Chapter Five*

# **God promised and sent the Savior**

The last two chapters were full of bad news. The devil and his evil angels disobeyed God, and they wanted to cause all kinds of suffering and misery in this world. Adam and Eve decided to believe the lies of the devil instead of trusting the word of God. When they disobeyed God, they changed, and they brought his judgment down on all people and all of creation. Yet, there is good news in the

Bible. The good news is that God still wants us to be with him in heaven. He still loves people and sent his Son into this world to save all people from their sins. After reading this chapter, you will be able to tell:

- \* how God saved the world from sin;
- \* what Jesus did to pay for the sins of all people; and
- \* the blessings God gives us through faith in Jesus.

The devil seemed to have succeeded. Adam and Eve had disobeyed God. Sin had corrupted them. The devil now thought that God would send Adam and Eve and all their descendants to hell in the same way he had condemned the devil and the demons to hell. The devil was mistaken. Yes, God knew that Adam and Eve and all the people who came from them were corrupted by sin. Yes, God is holy, and he is angry with those who sin against him. Yes, God is just and cannot ignore the sins of humans. Yes, God threatens to punish all who break his commandments. However, God is also a God of love. He knew that people deserved nothing but his

punishment. Yet, he still desired to have us with him in heaven. For this reason, God promised he would send his Son to save all people from their sins.

The Lord said to the devil, “I will put hatred between you and the woman. Your children and her children will be enemies. Her son will crush your (the devil’s) head. And you will crush (strike) his (Jesus’) heel” (Genesis 3:15). Here God gave the first promise of the Savior. This promise meant that God would send his Son into this world to save all people. To do this, God’s Son would become a true human being. He would take the battlefield against the devil and defeat him for us. The devil would inflict pain on the Savior, but through this pain the Savior would crush the devil in defeat.

1. God is holy and is \_\_\_\_\_ with those who sin against him.
2. God is a God of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. God promised he would send his \_\_\_\_\_ to save \_\_\_\_\_ people from their sins.

*(Check your answers on page 75)*

Throughout Old Testament times God reminded people that his Son was coming to save all people from their sins. God told Abraham that the Savior would come from his descendants. God said, "All nations on earth will be blessed because of you" (Genesis 12:3). He told King David that the Savior would come from his family. He said to David, "Your royal house and your kingdom will last forever in my sight" (2 Samuel 7:16). The Lord indicated that the Savior would be true God and true man. The prophet Isaiah, writing by the inspiration of God, tells us, "A child (the Savior) will be born to us. A son will be given to us. He will rule over us. And he will be called Wonderful Advisor and Mighty God. He will also be called Father Who Lives Forever and Prince Who Brings Peace" (Isaiah 9:6). The Lord foretold that the Savior would save us from God's judgment by suffering the punishment for our sins. "He suffered the things we should have suffered. He took upon himself the pain that should have been ours... He was punished to make us whole again. His wounds have healed us" (Isaiah 53:4,5). The

sacrifices that God told the people of Israel to bring during Old Testament times showed how the Savior would save all people through the shedding of his blood. Finally, when everything was right according to God's plan, he sent his Son to save all people from their sins. "But then the right time came. God sent his Son. A woman gave birth to him. He was born under the authority of the law. He came to set free those who were under the law. He wanted us to be adopted as children with all the rights children have" (Galatians 4:4,5). God told Mary, a virgin in Nazareth, that she would be the mother of the Savior. (Luke 1:26-38). The promised Savior was not born of a human father. Instead, he was conceived by the power of God the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Because Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit, he did not have any sin. Luke writes in his Gospel, "The angel answered (Mary), 'The Holy Spirit will come to you. The power of the Most High God will cover you. So the holy one that is born will be called the Son of God'" (Luke 1:35). Jesus was a true man, like us in every respect. However, he was not

born with any sin, and he never did any sin. The apostle Peter reminds us of what the prophet Isaiah wrote, “He didn’t commit any sin. No lies ever came out of his mouth” (1 Peter 2:22).

4. God told \_\_\_\_\_ that the Savior would come from his descendants.
5. The Lord foretold that the \_\_\_\_\_ would save us by suffering the \_\_\_\_\_ for our sins.
6. God sent his Son to \_\_\_\_\_ all people from their sins.
7. Jesus was not \_\_\_\_\_ with any sin, and he never did any \_\_\_\_\_.

*(Check your answers on page 75)*

Who was Jesus? He was true man, born of the virgin Mary. An angel told Mary, “You will become pregnant and give birth to a son” (Luke 1:31). He was also true God, equal with the Father and the Holy Spirit from eternity. Jesus said, “I and the Father are one” (John 10:30). Jesus was both God and man. “Jesus went to the area of Ceasarea Phillipi. There he

asked his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is? ...Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Christ. You are the Son of the living God'" (Matthew 16:13, 16). How this can be is a mystery to us. But the Bible clearly tells us that it is true. In order to keep God's commandments and pay for our sins, Jesus had to be true man. "He was born under the authority of the law" (Galatians 4:4,5). In order to be the substitute for all people, Jesus had to be true God. "He was punished to make us whole again" (Isaiah 53:4-6). No man can pay for the sins of all people. Only Jesus, the God-man could do that.

Jesus kept all of God's commandments for us. He was the only perfect child who ever lived. Only Jesus could challenge people to show him any sin that he had done. Jesus asked these people, "Can any of you prove I am guilty of sinning?" (John 8:46). No one could, for he never did anything contrary to God's will.

In order to save us, Jesus also had to pay the price for the sins of the world. The price that



*Jesus is mocked by the soldiers.*



had to be paid was suffering the torments of hell, that is, the agonies of Jesus' death and his total separation from God. This Jesus did for all people. As he hung on the cross, he cried out, "My God, my God, why have you deserted me?" (Matthew 27:46). God placed all the sins of all people on Jesus, and punished him for those sins. Jesus paid the price in full for the sins of all people. When Jesus had finished his suffering, he said, "It is finished" (John 19:30). The devil must have thought that Jesus was finished, that Jesus had failed. But he was wrong. Nothing more needed to be done. Nothing more could be done. Jesus had done it all.

When Jesus had finished his suffering, he said, "Father, into your hands I commit my very life" (Luke 23:46). He then died and his soul went to heaven. His body was taken down from the cross later on Friday afternoon and buried in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea. Jesus, however, did not stay dead. When the devil learned this, he was crushed. On the third day, Jesus suddenly appeared in hell. And like a

victorious king, he showed his power over the devil, whom he had defeated. And then, still very early on Sunday morning, Jesus announced his victory to the world. He rose from the dead. The grave could not hold him.

8. Jesus was true \_\_\_\_\_ and true \_\_\_\_\_.
9. In order to keep God's commandments and pay for our sins, Jesus had to be true \_\_\_\_\_.
10. In order to be the substitute for all people, Jesus had to be true \_\_\_\_\_.
11. God placed the sins of all people on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ him for them.
12. When Jesus had finished his suffering, he said, "It is \_\_\_\_\_."
13. Jesus' body was \_\_\_\_\_ in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea. His \_\_\_\_\_ went to heaven.
14. By early on \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus had \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead.

*(Check your answers on page 75)*

Jesus' resurrection from the dead tells us that he is true God. The apostle Paul writes, "By the power of the Holy Spirit, he was appointed to be the mighty Son of God because he rose from the dead. He is Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 1:4). He said he would raise himself from the dead, and he did it. Only God could do that. His resurrection tells us that he paid for our sins in full. If Jesus had stayed dead, his mission to save us would have been a failure. Paul tells us, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith doesn't mean anything. Your sins have not been forgiven" (1 Corinthians 15:17). Because he rose, we know that he accomplished what he set out to do. God accepted his payment for the sins of all people. God has declared the whole world "not guilty" because Jesus had suffered what we, the guilty ones, should have suffered.

"God was bringing the world back to himself through Christ. He did not hold people's sins against them. God has trusted us with the message that people may be brought back to him. So we are God's official messengers. It is

as if God were making his appeal through us. Here is what Christ wants us to beg you to do. Come back to God! Christ didn't have any sin. But God made him become sin for us. So we can be made right with God because of what Christ has done for us" (2 Corinthians 5:19-21).

Through faith in Jesus as our Savior from sin, we receive the benefit of the forgiveness which he won for all people. Those who reject Jesus lose the benefit of the forgiveness Jesus won for them. Jesus said, "Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who does not believe will be punished" (Mark 16:16).

Jesus' resurrection from the dead also tells us that he lives to raise us from the dead. "Christ really has been raised from the dead. He is the first of all those who will rise" (1 Corinthians 15:20). Death could not hold Jesus. It will not be able to hold us either. When believers in Jesus die, their souls go to be with Jesus in heaven. Jesus told the dying robber, "Today you will be with me in paradise (heaven)" (Luke



*Jesus greets two women after rising from the dead.*

23:43). When those who do not believe in Jesus die, their souls go to hell. In a story, Jesus described a rich unbeliever who died, and Jesus said, "In hell, the rich man was suffering terribly" (Luke 16:23). On judgment day, Jesus will raise all people from the dead. He will send his angels to gather all people before him for the final judgment. Jesus will take those who believed in him as their Savior from sin to live with him in a new earth and a new heaven. There they will live forever in the loving presence of Jesus. Those who rejected Jesus as their Savior from sin will spend eternity in hell, forever separated from the loving presence of Jesus. Jesus teaches us, "A time is coming when all who are in the grave will hear his (the Son of God) voice. They will all come out of their graves. Those who have done good will rise and live again. Those who have done evil will rise and be found guilty" (John 5:28,29).

We are still sinners, living in a world corrupted by sin. We still have a sinful nature and struggle with it every day. Daily we will want to

tell God that we are sorry for all we have done wrong. Daily we will rest our faith on Jesus, who paid for the sins of all people. Daily we will want to carry out God's will to say, "Thank you, Jesus for all you did for me."

In this world, believers will still get hurt and sick. They will suffer the consequences of their sinful actions. They will have suffering and sorrows. However, because Jesus was punished for our sins, God does not punish believers for their sins. Speaking to Nicodemus, Jesus said, "Anyone who believes in him (God's Son) is not judged (condemned)" (John 3:18). We always have the comfort that Jesus loves us, that through faith in him we have forgiveness for all our sins. We can stop worrying! We can be sure that Jesus wants us to live forever with him in heaven. God tells the prophet to write, tell them, "When sinful people die, it does not give me any joy. But when they turn away from their sins and live, that makes me very happy. And that is just as sure as I am alive," announces the LORD and King" (Ezekiel 33:11). This sin-corrupted world will not last

forever. It is passing away. God tells us through the apostle Paul, "The world as it now exists is passing away" (1 Corinthians 7:31).

One day God will cause the whole universe to burn up. He tells us through the apostle Peter, "The day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar. Fire will destroy everything in them. God will judge the earth and everything in it. So everything will be destroyed" (2 Peter 3:10,11). He will make a new home for us, a paradise as perfect as the one he made for Adam and Eve. Peter also tells us, "We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth. Godliness will make its home there. All this is in keeping with God's promise" (2 Peter 3:13). No sin will ever be able to corrupt our new home. There will be no sorrow, no sickness, no suffering from heat, cold, hunger or thirst. There will be no loveless acts that people will do, for all believers will be without sin in heaven. There will be no death. Nothing will be able to separate us from each other. We will forever see the face of our Savior and live with him in perfect happiness.



God tells us what heaven will be like, “Never again will they (the believers) be hungry. Never again will they be thirsty. The sun will not beat down on them. The heat of the desert will not harm them. The Lamb (Jesus), who is at the center of the area around the throne (of God), will be their shepherd. He will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes” (Revelation 7:16,17).

This is what Jesus promises to all who believe in him as their Savior from sin. Jesus keeps all of his promises. He came into this world, lived, died, and rose again to save all people from their sins. Jesus will come again to take you and all believers to live forever with him in heaven. Of that you can be sure!

I'm but a stranger here; Heav'n is my home.  
 Earth is a desert drear; Heav'n is my home.  
 Danger and sorrow stand  
     Round me on ev'ry hand.  
 Heav'n is my fatherland; Heav'n is my home.

What though the tempest rage; Heav'n is my home.  
 Short is my pilgrimage; Heav'n is my home.  
 And time's wild, wintry blast  
     Soon shall be over, past;



*Jesus is our Good Shepherd.*

I shall reach home at last; Heav'n is my home.  
 There at my Savior's side—Heav'n is my home—  
 I shall be glorified; Heav'n is my home.  
 There are the good and blest,  
     Those I love most and best.  
 And there I, too, shall rest; Heav'n is my home.

Therefore I murmur not; Heav'n is my home.  
 Whate'er my earthly lot, Heav'n is my home.  
 And I shall surely stand  
     there at my Lord's right hand.  
 Heav'n is my fatherland; Heav'n is my home.

*(From the Hymnal of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod,  
 Christian Worship: 417).*

15. Jesus' resurrection from the dead tells us  
 that he is true \_\_\_\_\_.
16. Jesus' resurrection tells us that he  
 \_\_\_\_\_ for our sins in full.
17. Through \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus, we  
 receive the benefit of the \_\_\_\_\_  
 he won for all people.
18. Jesus' resurrection tells us that he  
 \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ us from  
 the dead.
19. In this world we will still get \_\_\_\_\_  
 and sick. Yet, we always have the comfort  
 that \_\_\_\_\_ loves us.
20. We can rest assured that Jesus wants us  
 to \_\_\_\_\_ forever with him in  
 \_\_\_\_\_.

21. In heaven, we will \_\_\_\_\_ see the face of our Savior and live with him in perfect \_\_\_\_\_.
22. I'm but a stranger here; \_\_\_\_\_ is my home.

*(Check your answers on page 75)*

## **Review of Chapter Five**

Adam and Eve disobeyed God. God knew that Adam and Eve and all people were corrupted by sin. He knew that all deserved punishment for their sins. Yet, God still loved the world of sinners. He still desired that all people would be with him in heaven. God promised he would send his Son to save all people from their sins. He reminded people throughout the Old Testament times that his Son was going to become true man and save all people from their sins. Finally, when everything was right according to God's plan, he sent his Son, Jesus, to save all people from their sins. God chose Mary, a virgin from Nazareth, to be the mother of the Savior. Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

Jesus was true God and true man. He had to be man to keep the law and pay for our sins. He had to be God to substitute perfectly for all people. Jesus kept all of God's commandments for us. Jesus also suffered the punishment for our sins as he hung on the cross of Calvary. When he had paid for the sins of all people, he died and was buried. On the third day, Easter Sunday, Jesus rose from the dead. His resurrection tells us that Jesus is true God. He paid for our sins in full. He lives to raise us from the dead. Through faith in Jesus, we receive the forgiveness he won for all as our very own. Jesus promises that through faith in him, we have eternal life with him in heaven. Jesus keeps all of his promises. You can be sure that through faith in Jesus, you have eternal life. This world is not our real home. Heaven is our home. It is ours through faith in Jesus.

**Answers to questions within Chapter Five:**

1. angry; 2. love; 3. Son, all; 4. Abraham; 5. Savior, punishment; 6. save; 7. born, sin; 8. God, man; 9. man; 10. God; 11. Jesus, punished; 12. finished; 13. buried, soul; 14. Sunday, risen; 15. God; 16. paid; 17. faith, forgiveness; 18. lives, raise; 19. hurt, Jesus or God; 20. live, heaven; 21. forever or always, happiness; 22. heaven.

## Test on Chapter Five

1. God is holy and is \_\_\_\_\_ with those who sin against him.
2. God is a God of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. God promised he would send his \_\_\_\_\_ to save \_\_\_\_\_ people from their sins.
4. God told \_\_\_\_\_ that the Savior would come from his descendants.
5. The Lord foretold that the \_\_\_\_\_ would save us by suffering the \_\_\_\_\_ for our sins.
6. God sent his Son to \_\_\_\_\_ all people from their sins.
7. Jesus was not \_\_\_\_\_ with any sin, and he never did any \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Jesus was true \_\_\_\_\_ and true \_\_\_\_\_.
9. In order to keep God's commandments and pay for our sins, Jesus had to be true \_\_\_\_\_.
10. In order to be the substitute for all people, Jesus had to be true \_\_\_\_\_.

11. God placed the sins of all people on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ him for them.
12. When Jesus had finished his suffering, he said, "It is \_\_\_\_\_."
13. Jesus' body was \_\_\_\_\_ in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea. His \_\_\_\_\_ went to heaven.
14. By early on \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus had \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead.
15. Jesus' resurrection from the dead tells us that he is true \_\_\_\_\_.
16. Jesus' resurrection tells us that he \_\_\_\_\_ for our sins in full.
17. Through \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus, we receive the benefit of the \_\_\_\_\_ he won for all people.
18. Jesus' resurrection tells us that he \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ us from the dead.
19. In this world we will still get \_\_\_\_\_ and sick. Yet, we always have the comfort that \_\_\_\_\_ loves us.
20. We can be sure that Jesus wants us to \_\_\_\_\_ forever with him in \_\_\_\_\_.

21. In heaven, we will \_\_\_\_\_ see  
the face of our Savior and live with him in  
perfect \_\_\_\_\_.

22. I am but a stranger here; \_\_\_\_\_  
is my home.

*(Check your answers on page 85)*





## ***Glossary***

**ability** - skill and power to make, do, or think

**accomplish(ed)** - to get something done

**account** - a written or spoken record

**angel** - a spirit who is God's helper

**apostle** - one of the twelve men who were with Jesus  
and who taught others about him

**appeal** - a strong often urgent request

**atmosphere** - the gaseous mass of air that surrounds  
the earth

**authority** - power or right to do something

**avoid(ed)** - to stay away from someone or something

**beg** - to ask for something

**benefit** - something that helps us

**blessed** - made happy; helped by God

**challenge** - to call into question

**chimpanzee** - an ape that is very wise

**comical** - funny; makes someone laugh

**commandment** - a law that God gives

**companionship** - being together with friends;  
fellowship

**conceive(d)** - to make pregnant

**condemn(ed)** - to find someone guilty of a crime or  
action

**consequence** - result; effect; something that follows an  
action

**consider** - to think about

**corrupt(ed)** - to make something bad; rotten

**create** - to make something out of nothing

**creature(s)** - a living being: person, animal, bird, fish

**crucify** - to put people to death by nailing them to  
crosses

**demon** - an evil spirit

**deny** - to say no to something

**descendant(s)** - offspring; children

**desire(d)** - to want something

**detail(s)** - small facts

**devil** - God's most powerful enemy

**eternal** - forever; without beginning or end

**exists, existence** - to be real, way of living

**fashion(ed)** - to make something

**forbid** - to command someone not to do something

**human race** - all people

**ignore** - to pay no attention to; to refuse to take notice of

**inflict** - to force something unpleasant on someone

**inspiration** - breathing in like God breathed his Word into the writers of the Bible

**intelligent** - very wise

**law** - rules about what is right or wrong

**Lord** - a title or name for God or Jesus

**lumber** - trees sawed into boards, planks

**lust** - great sexual desire

**manage** - to take care of something

**material** - anything from which something is or can be made

**misery** - great pain and suffering of the body; unhappiness

**normal** - average; usual; that which is expected

**ocean** - large body of salt water that covers most of the world

**offering** - something given to God as a part of worship

**operation** - the removal or repair of a body part

**oppose** - to act or fight against

**organ(s)** - a part of a body that has a special purpose

**paradise** - heaven; a place of perfect beauty and happiness

**planet** - like earth, a heavenly body that goes around the sun

**potter** - a person who makes things out of clay (dirt) by hand

**pottery** - pots, dishes made out of baked clay

**pregnant** - a female having a child in her womb

**produce** - to make

**rebel(ed)** - to fight against someone in power

**reflect(ed)** - to send back heat, light or sound

**reject(ed)** - to refuse or not want something

**relationship** - a connection with someone

**responsibility** - having the duty to do something

**resurrection** - coming back to life after being dead

**roar** - to make a loud sound

**sacrifice** - to offer or give up something

**salvation** - set free from the guilt of sin, from evil

**saved** - set free from sin, from the fear of death, from eternal life in hell

**Savior** - Jesus who sets us free

**Scripture** - God's written word also called the Bible

**selfish** - wanting things only for oneself without care for other people

**serpent** - a snake

**shepherd** - one who takes care of sheep

**sinner** - a person who does things God does not like

**soul** - a person's entire spiritual being

**spouse** - the opposite person in a marriage

**state** - condition or situation

**substitute** - one who takes the place of another person

**succeed(ed)** - to accomplish something; to do well

**supplies** - to provide what is needed

**temple** - a place where people worship

**tomb** - a place to bury dead bodies; usually a cave with a stone door

**torment** - suffering

**trick(ed)** - to deceive or cheat someone

**triune** - one in three like the Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
are one God

**universe** - all of space and what is in it created by God

**vineyard** - a place where grapes (fruit) are grown



## ***Answers to the Chapter Tests***

### **Chapter Test One (pages 17-18)**

1. Genesis, God; 2. triune, Father, Son, Spirit; 3. nothing;
4. six; 5. morning, evening; 6. work; 7. heavens, earth;
8. sky; 9. land, plants; 10. sun, stars; 11. fish, birds;
12. animals, Adam; 13. very; 14. rested.

### **Chapter Test Two (page 28)**

1. God; 2. dust; 3. soul; 4. smart; 5. woman; 6. man, woman;
7. blessing; 8. image; 9. serve; 10. garden.

### **Chapter Test Three (page 38)**

1. obey, disobey; 2. disobey; 3. good; 4. great; 5. protect;
6. heaven; 7. liar, murderer; 8. lies; 9. suffer; 10. evil.

### **Chapter Test Four (pages 52-53)**

1. good, evil; 2. all; 3. devil; 4. Adam; 5. changed; 6. enemy,
- friend; 7. holy; 8. original or birth; 9. do, say, think;
10. consequences; 11. perfect; 12. many, ways;
13. judgment; 14. whole.

### **Chapter Test Five (pages 76-78)**

1. angry; 2. love; 3. Son, all; 4. Abraham; 5. Savior,
- punishment; 6. save; 7. born, sin; 8. God, man; 9. man;
10. God; 11. Jesus, punished; 12. finished; 13. buried, soul;
14. Sunday, risen; 15. God; 16. paid; 17. faith, forgiveness;
18. lives, raise; 19. hurt, Jesus or God; 20. live, heaven;
21. forever, happiness; 22. heaven.



## ***Final Test***

You have done well. You have completed your study of GOD CREATES OUR WORLD. Go back through the book and review any mistakes you made in the chapter tests. Also review the goals of each chapter. When you are sure you know all the goals, you are ready to take the Final Test.

Complete the Final Test without looking at the book. When you are finished, give the test to the person who gave you this book or mail it to the address on the back of this book. Someone will check it for you. You may also ask for more Bible study books in this series.

If you are ready, remove the test from the book and put the book away. Take the test without opening the book.





## ***God Creates Our World Final Test***

1. The book of \_\_\_\_\_ tells us that \_\_\_\_\_ made the world.
2. God is \_\_\_\_\_. The three persons of the Trinity are: God the \_\_\_\_\_, God the \_\_\_\_\_, and God the Holy \_\_\_\_\_.
3. God made the world in \_\_\_\_\_ days.
4. Everything God made was \_\_\_\_\_ good.
5. God made the first man from the \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth.
6. God made \_\_\_\_\_ out of man.
7. God created a special \_\_\_\_\_ to show Adam and Eve how much he loved them.
8. When God created the angels, they could either \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ God.

9. The devil and his followers chose to \_\_\_\_\_ God.
10. God made it impossible for the \_\_\_\_\_ angels to sin.
11. God sends the good angels to \_\_\_\_\_ those who believe in Jesus.
12. The Bible describes the devil as a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_.
13. God told Adam and Eve they were not to eat from the “tree of the knowledge of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.”
14. God said that Adam and Eve could eat from \_\_\_\_\_ the other trees in the garden.
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ tempted Eve to disobey God.
16. Eve gave some of the fruit to \_\_\_\_\_.
17. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they \_\_\_\_\_.

18. From the time our lives begin, we are not  
the \_\_\_\_\_ people God wants us  
to be.
19. Because we are sinful, we \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ what is  
sinful.
20. We all deserve to suffer God's eternal  
\_\_\_\_\_ in hell.
21. God promised he would send his \_\_\_\_\_  
to save \_\_\_\_\_ people from their sins.
22. Jesus was not \_\_\_\_\_ with any sin,  
and he never \_\_\_\_\_ any sin.
23. Jesus was true \_\_\_\_\_ and true  
\_\_\_\_\_.
24. God placed the sins of all people on  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
him for them.
25. By early on \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus had  
risen from the dead.

26. Through \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus, we  
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