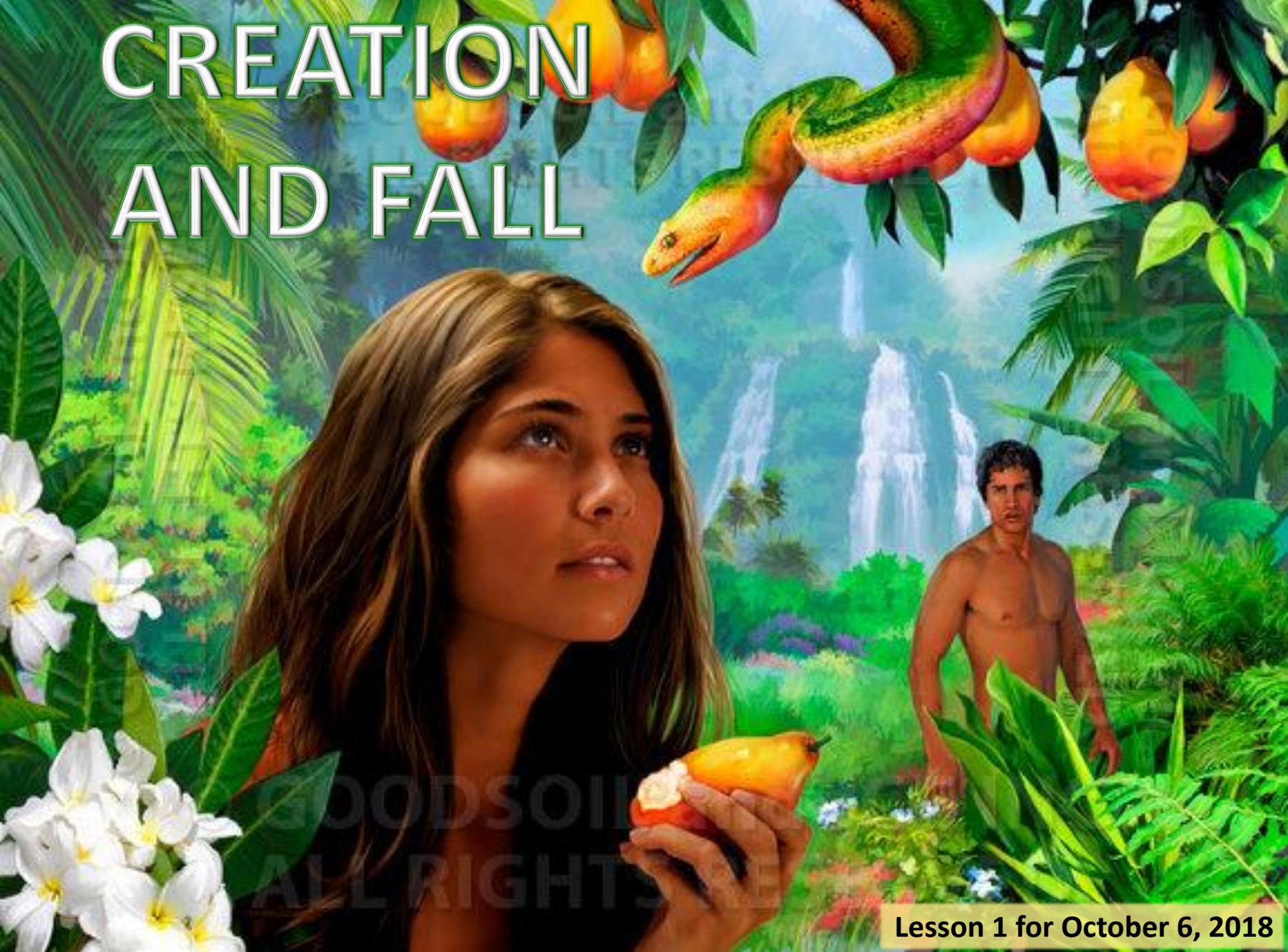


CREATION AND FALL



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The unity and harmony God had planned for humanity was disrupted by sin. However, God showed His love for us by designing a plan to restore unity. The final restoration would come through the work of Christ, but God chose human beings to show His love and grace to the world.

1. The original unity

★ Made to love

2. Unity is broken

★ Since Adam to the Flood

★ The Tower of Babel

3. Restoring unity

★ God calls Abraham

★ Israel is chosen



MADE TO LOVE

*"So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them"
(Genesis 1:27 NIV)*

God created everything and declared it to be "very good" (Genesis 1:31). The Earth, the animals and humans interacted with one another in harmony.

Humans, unlike animals, were created in the image of God. They were made stewards of the Creation.



God is love (1 John 4:8), so the image of God includes the ability to love.

The image of God was made of two people, man and woman. They were created together in the image of God.

That's unity with love as its foundation.

FROM ADAM TO THE FLOOD

"Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him." (Genesis 4:8)

The sin of Adam and Eve disrupted the harmony, unity and love between man and woman, mankind and Creation, and mankind and God.



The man
blamed
the woman
(Genesis 3:12)



Nature
became
corrupted
(Genesis
3:17-18)



Cain killed
Abel
(Genesis 4:8)



Mankind
became
totally
corrupted
(Genesis 6:5)



The Flood
almost put
an end
to human
history
(Genesis 6:7)

However, God chose a Remnant (Noah and his family) and gave mankind a second chance. The rainbow reminds us that God still wants to fulfill his original plan for us.



“Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.” (Genesis 11:9)

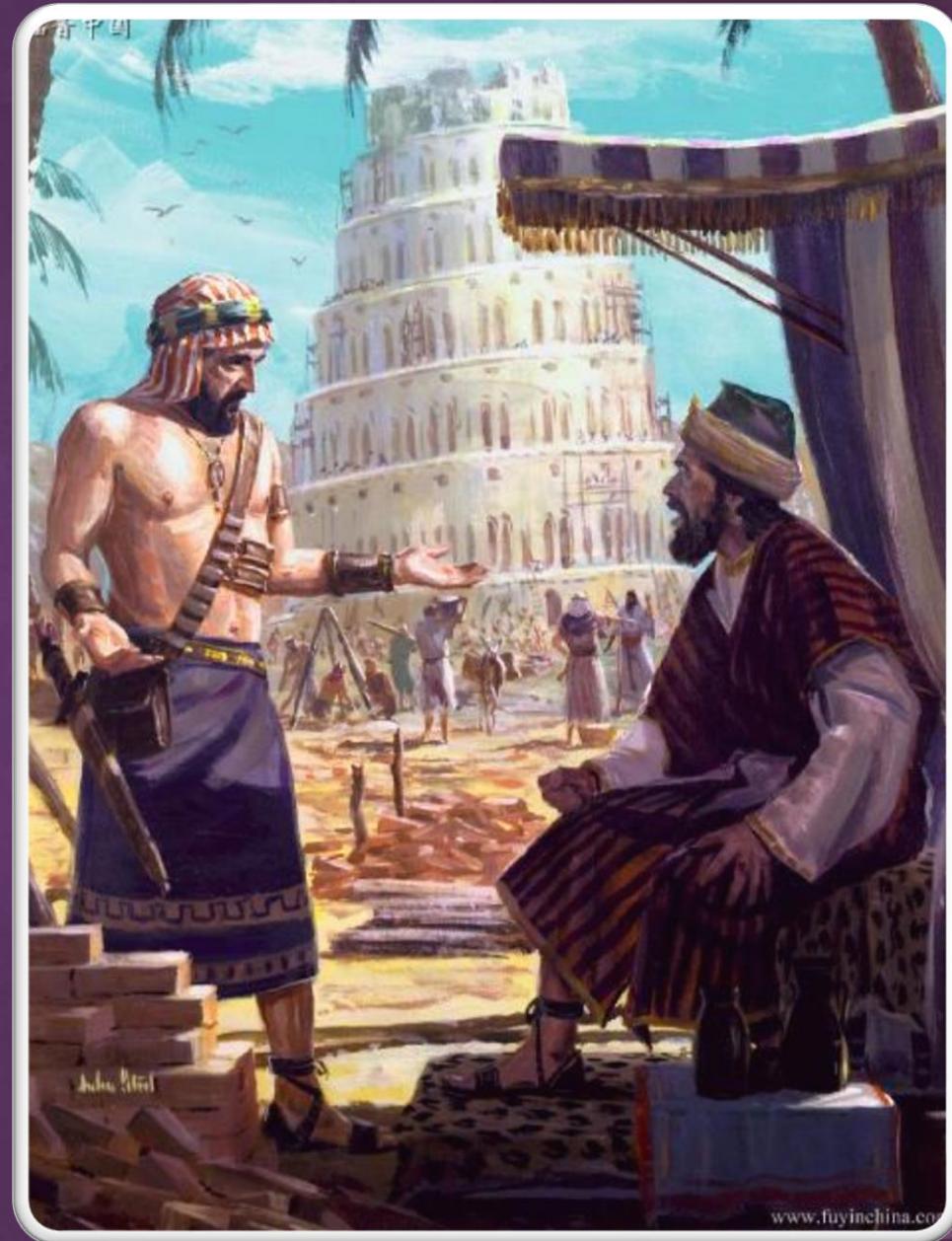
Humans tried to achieve unity without God. That led to worship of idols and self-exaltation.

God stopped that false unity by creating a variety of languages.

Sin resulted in the disunity among humanity and the disruption of God’s original plan. Sin caused:

- 🗣️ Confusion regarding worship.
- 📖 The widespread dissemination of evil and immorality over the earth.
- 🏠 The separation of humanity into many different cultures, languages, and races.

THE TOWER OF BABEL



GOD CALLS ABRAHAM

"And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, 'Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.' And he was called the friend of God."

(James 2:23)



He was obedient.



His hope was set on God's promises.



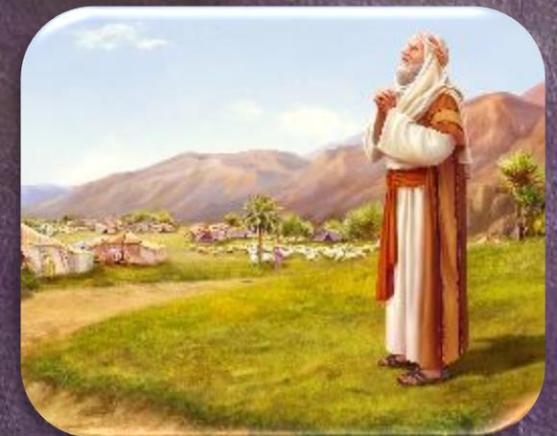
He believed that God would fulfill His promise; of having offspring like the stars in the sky.



He trusted God's plan of salvation.

God tried to restore unity for the third time by calling Abraham.

Abraham is the father of all believers. We can learn some basic concepts of unity among Christians from his example:



ISRAEL IS CHOSEN

"The Lord did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. But it was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors..."
(Deuteronomy 7:7-8 NIV)

God chose Israel as His people because He loved them. They hadn't done anything that could qualify them to be chosen.

God used Israel to proclaim His message of redemption to all humanity.

He gave them all the spiritual tools they needed to fulfill that purpose.

The Christian Church is the new Israel. We must understand that we have nothing of which to boast before Him. God chose us to be one with Him because He loves us (Galatians 3:28)



“The most convincing argument we can give to the world of Christ’s mission is to be found in perfect unity. Such oneness as exists between the Father and the Son is to be manifest among all who believe the truth. Those who are thus united in implicit obedience to the Word of God will be filled with power.

If all would completely consecrate themselves to the Lord, and through the sanctification of the truth live in perfect unity, what a convincing power would attend the proclamation of the truth! How sad that so many churches misrepresent the sanctifying influence of the truth, because they do not manifest the saving grace that would make them one with Christ, even as Christ is one with the Father! If all would reveal the unity and love that should exist among brethren, the power of the Holy Spirit would be manifest in its saving influence. In proportion to our unity with Christ will be our power to save souls.”

E.G.W. (Manuscript 88, 1905, “One, Even as We Are One”)