

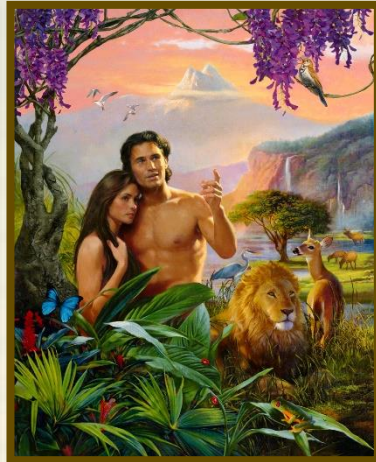
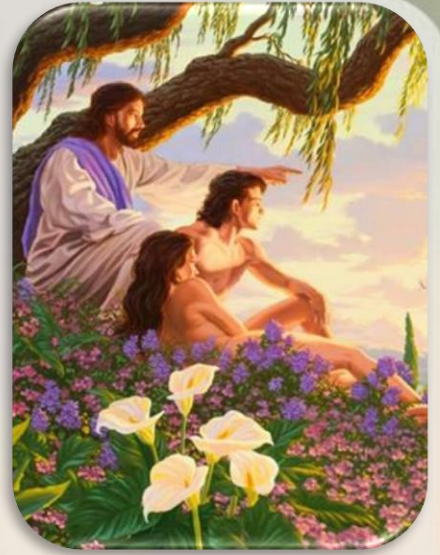
# THE CREATION



The first two chapters of the Bible tell the creation of humankind and our habitat. They also help us to understand the reason we were created: to live happily forever with our Creator.

It's not a scientific account, because we are not ready (even today in the 21<sup>st</sup> century) to understand the creation process.

It's a simple and poetic account so we can understand our origin. We are the crown of Creation, perfect creatures made by God and not a result of chance.



➡ In the beginning... God

➡ The work of God:

➡ Perfect Creation

➡ Perfect time

➡ Perfect humankind

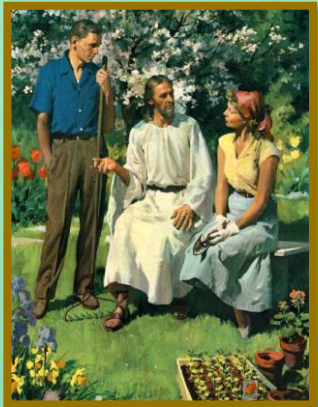
➡ The gifts from God



# IN THE BEGINNING... GOD

**"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."  
(Genesis 1:1)**

**The two accounts of Creation introduce God in two different ways:**



**Genesis 1:1-2:3 introduces  
a powerful God**

**Genesis 2:4-25 introduces  
a close God**



**He can create just with His  
voice. His great power  
motivates us to praise Him  
and worship Him  
(Psalm 95:3-6)**

**He prepared a home for us  
and molded us with His own  
hands. He cares for our  
happiness and teaches us  
how to live**

**Today we are  
separated from  
God's presence  
because of sin.  
However, we can still  
appreciate His power  
and closeness. We  
can enjoy the  
wonderful and lovely  
presence of God in  
our lives.**

# PERFECT CREATION

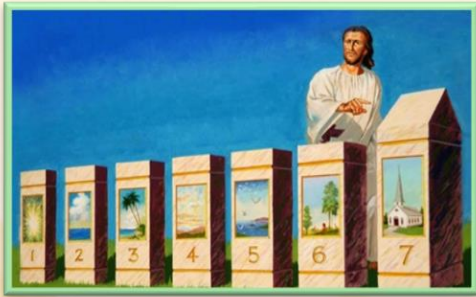
*"Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good." (Genesis 1:31)*

The expression "good" [tov in Hebrew] is used to explain that Creation worked well; that it was perfect and beautiful and there was nothing evil in it. Of course there was no death. Death was not part of the creation process.

A process during thousands or millions of years is not compatible with Creation. Trees bear fruit (Gn. 1:12; 2:9). Birds fly, animals walk (Gn. 1:20, 25). Adam was created as an adult person who could speak and think (Gn. 2:19).

When Creation ended, "the creation of the heavens and the earth and EVERYTHING in them was completed" (Genesis 2:1 NLT). It was just six literal days.



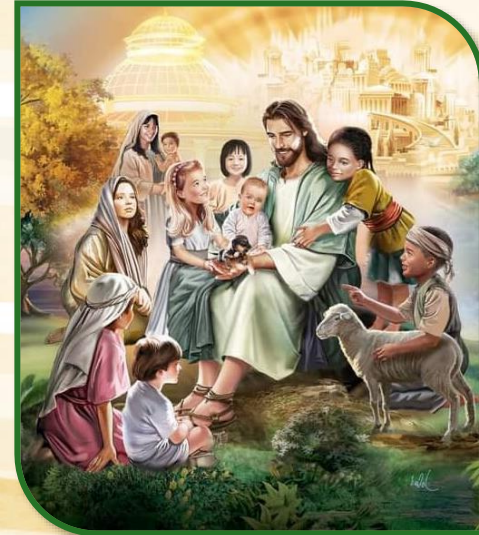


# PERFECT TIME

**“And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.” (Genesis 2:2)**

**Light<sup>1</sup>, the sea<sup>2</sup>, earth<sup>3</sup>, vegetation<sup>4</sup>, the stars<sup>5</sup>, the fish<sup>6</sup>, the birds<sup>7</sup>, the animals<sup>8</sup>, human beings<sup>9</sup>. Everything was done in six days. But something important was missing, the tenth element that would put the cap on the process: the seventh day<sup>10</sup>.**

**A time for rest, meditation, human company, and communion with the Creator. Those perfect humans needed this special time, so we need it even more after thousands of years of sin (Exodus 20:8-11). Sabbath reminds us of our origin, and of our glorious future through Redemption (Dt. 5:15; Is. 66:23).**



# PERFECT HUMANKIND

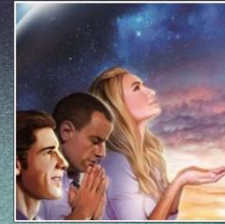
"So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." (Genesis 1:27 NLT)

From all Creation, only human beings were made in the image of God. The image of God involves:



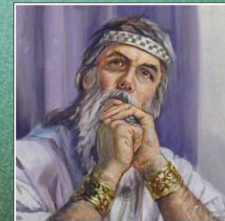
According to Genesis 2:7, when the breath (spirit) went into the clay figure God had molded (body), a living being was created (soul).

Then God performed a second creative step (Gn. 2:21-22), thus completing the perfect "human being": male and female, man and woman.



A spiritual nature that enables us to communicate to God

A physical resemblance to our Creator



The ability to think and to make moral decisions

# THE GIFTS FROM GOD

"The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed." (Genesis 2:8)

When God created the first man, He gave him three gifts that implied three responsibilities:



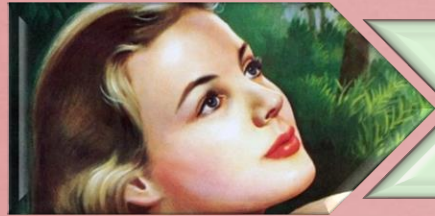
**The Garden  
of Eden  
(Gn. 2:8)**

**It was the perfect home. He had to look after it and to cultivate it. We must preserve what God has given us**



**Food  
(Gn. 2:16)**

**God gave him the suitable food for his perfect body. He added a restriction so he could prove his loyalty to the One who had given him everything (Gn. 2:17)**



**The woman  
(Gn. 2:22)**

**The perfect gift. Someone to love. Someone with whom he could share everything. Someone to "become one flesh" with (Gn. 2:24)**

**“How beautiful the earth was when it came from the Creator's hand! God presented before the universe a world in which even His all-seeing eye could find no spot or stain, no defect or crookedness. Each part of His creation occupied the place assigned it and answered the purpose for which it was created [...] God looked upon the work of His hands wrought out by Christ and pronounced it ‘very good.’ He looked upon a perfect world, in which there was no trace of sin, no imperfection.”**

**E. G. W. (Christ Triumphant, January 2)**