

Adam and Eve in Paradise

Genesis 2

The LORD God formed¹ the man² of dust³ from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

The LORD God planted a garden in Eden,⁴ and there He put the man whom He had formed. Out of the ground, the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden. The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.

The LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

Then the LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.” So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

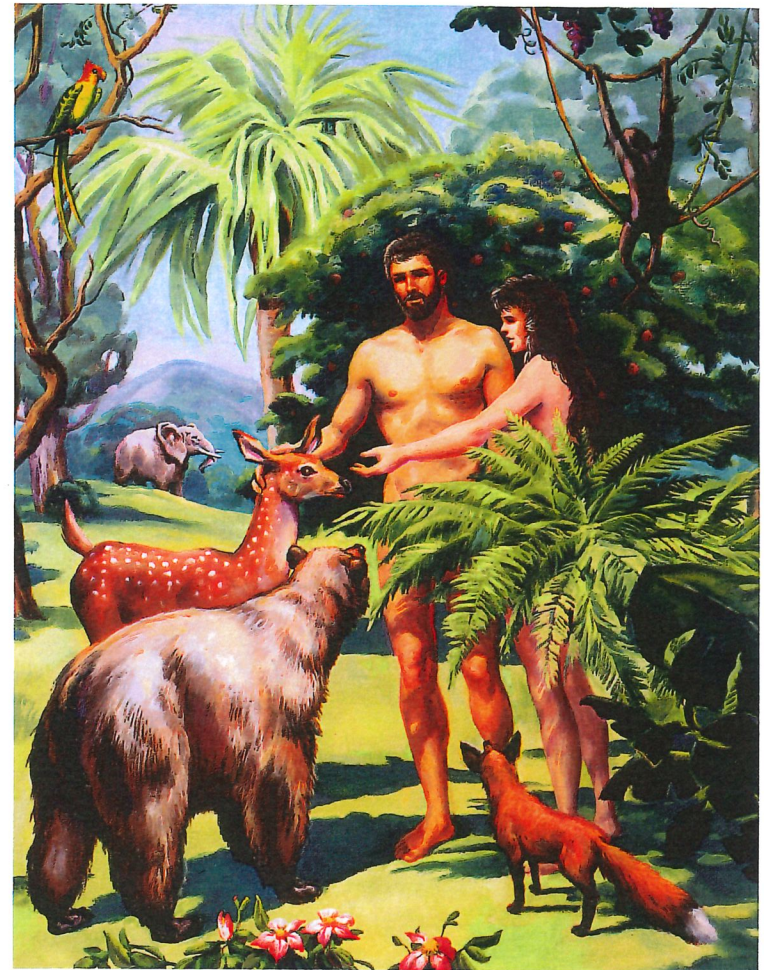
The man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.”

Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.⁵

And the man and his wife were both naked and not ashamed.⁶

Explanatory Notes

¹Shaped the man’s body, like a potter shapes clay—this was the sixth day.
²Adam. ³Earth. ⁴Also called Paradise. ⁵Like one body, not to be separated—this was the first marriage. ⁶Had no sin and therefore no evil thoughts.



Male and female He created them.

For Reflection

1. In what special way did God make the first man? the first woman?
2. Explain why marriage is a gift of God.
3. God gave Adam and Eve work to do in the garden. How can we do our work in ways that show our love for Jesus?

Words to Remember

I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. *Psalms 139:14*