

Subject: *The God of Adam and Eve – Part 1*

Scripture: *Genesis 1:26-31*

God made everything in six literal 24-hour days. We have looked at what God did in Day 1 through Day 5. We read about the beginning of time and space, heaven and earth, the sun, moon, and stars, plant and animal life. God made everything precisely and in order, just the way He wanted it. In the last sermon I mentioned a quote: “Order is the first law of heaven.” Someone sent me an email with the source of that quote, Charles Spurgeon. I came to realize that he actually preached a whole sermon entitled, “Order is Heaven’s First Law.” God made everything perfect and set it in perfect order. He approved of His own work and said it was good.

Then on Day 6, God created the first man and woman and said it was very good. Adam and Eve were the crowning achievement of God’s creation. Of all things that were created only human beings were made in God’s image and only they were given dominion over other creatures.

We come now to consider the God of Adam and Eve. Later in the book of Genesis, God identified Himself as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Before that He was the God of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Before that He was the God of Enoch and Methuselah. Before that He was the God of Cain and Abel. And before that He was the God of Adam and Eve. He is the God of all mankind. Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight.

Several things are clear in the first chapters of Genesis: 1) God made Adam and Eve; 2) God made them in His own image; 3) God made them to rule over other creatures; 4) God blessed them and told them to be fruitful and multiply; and 5) God provided for their needs (food and a place to live). In the creation of Adam and Eve God revealed some things about Himself.

1. God revealed His sovereignty (He is in control)

God made Adam and Eve because He wanted to. All people are created by God. There are no “self-made” men and women. God made you and me because He chose to.

***Psalms 100:3** Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

The creation of Adam and Eve, like the creation of all things, displays the sovereignty of God. He chose to create them and make them the way He did. God is in control. He does what He wants, when He wants, and as He wants.

2. God revealed His wisdom

Adam and Eve were the masterpiece of God’s creation. They were created perfectly as the ideal man and ideal woman. Even though all other people (except Christ) are now born with a sinful nature, we still reflect the wisdom of the Master Designer. We have a spirit and a body. We have a mind to think, a will to choose, emotions to feel, and a conscience to tell us when we do right or wrong.

Psalms 139:14 *I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.*

3. God revealed His goodness and kindness

Adam and Eve were relatively small creatures in a big world, but they were very special and blessed by God. God revealed His goodness and kindness when He made us.

Psalms 8:3-9 ³ *When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;* ⁴ *What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?* ⁵ *For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor.* ⁶ *Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:* ⁷ *All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;* ⁸ *The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.* ⁹ *O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!*

4. God revealed something about the Trinity (one God in three Persons)

A. The doctrine of the Trinity is a foundational truth of the Christian faith

“Tri” (three) + “unity” (one God) = Trinity

John MacArthur: “God’s triunity (Trinitarianism) stands as an indispensable fact of Christianity. It has been, is, and forever will be an indisputable bedrock belief of the Christian faith” (*Biblical Doctrine*, 344).

B. The word “Trinity” is not found in the Bible, but the truth is found

The word “trinity” was first used by Tertullian (AD 150-230), one of the Church Fathers. Tertullian did not invent the doctrine of the Trinity, but he was among the first to explain it in some detail. Alister McGrath comments: “The doctrine of the Trinity wasn’t *invented*—it was *uncovered*. It’s like someone drawing a map which shows all the features of the country, thus allowing you to establish how they relate to each other. Those relations are already there—the map just helps make them clearer” (*Understanding the Trinity*, 148).

C. Both the Old and New Testaments reveal the one true God

Deuteronomy 6:4 *Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD.*

Isaiah 46:9 *Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me.*

B. B. Warfield summarizes the Old Testament teaching of the Trinity: “The mystery of the Trinity is not revealed in the Old Testament; but the mystery of the Trinity underlies the Old Testament revelation, and here and there almost comes into view. Thus the Old Testament revelation of God is not corrected by the fuller revelation which follows it, but only perfected, extended and enlarged” (cited in MacArthur and Mayhue, *Biblical Doctrine*, 200).

This was confirmed in the New Testament by Christ, John, and Paul.

Mark 12:29 *And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord.*

John 17:3 *And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.*

1 Timothy 2:5 *For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.*

D. God revealed some truth about the Trinity in Genesis

Genesis 1:1 *In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. God (Elohim, plural) created (singular).*

Genesis 3:22 *And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil...*

Genesis 11:7-8 ⁷ *...let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.* ⁸ *So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.*

Genesis 1:26 *And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.*

Each of these verses in Genesis has a plural name for God or uses plural pronouns to refer to God. But none of these verses tells us there are three persons (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit). That truth is revealed in other Scriptures.

The doctrine of the Trinity is taught partially in the OT and it taught clearly and completely in the New Testament. This is sometimes called “progressive revelation.”

The most important truth God ever reveals is truth about Himself. God revealed that He is the one true God, the only God. But some did not believe Him and they replaced the truth about one God with the lie that there are many gods. Still today people reject the truth, replace the truth about God with a lie and make a god to suit themselves.

Christ claimed to be God and the New Testament makes it very clear He is God, but some did not believe Him and they rejected Him. Still today some do not believe His claims and they reject Him.

The amazing truth of the Bible is that we have a Creator who made us, and that Creator came to be our Redeemer. We should glorify God as our Creator, and we should glorify God as our Redeemer.

Psalms 100:3 *Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

1 Corinthians 6:20 *For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*