A SNAKE IN THE BEAUTIFUL GARDEN

Genesis, Chapters 2 and 3.

LESSON 2 -- Primary Course

MEMORY VERSE: "Beloved, follow not that which is evil" (III John 11).

BIBLE TEXT:

Genesis 2:1-25

1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

4 These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,

5 And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground. 6 But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

8 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

10 And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.

11 The name of the first is Pison: that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold;

12 And the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone.

13 And the name of the second river is Gihon: the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia.

14 And the name of the third river is Hiddekel: that is it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river is Euphrates.

15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

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Everything God Made Was Good

God saw that everything He had made was very good; and then He rested on the seventh day and blessed it.

The Beautiful Garden

God prepared a beautiful garden for Adam and for those who would be with him. He gave them trees that had good fruit, lovely flowers for them to enjoy, vegetables for their food, and many other good things. He told Adam that he might eat of all the fruit except from one of the trees. If they are that fruit they would surely die. He told them that they should not even touch that tree.

God said it was not good for Adam to be alone; so when Adam was asleep God took one of Adam's ribs and made a woman to be his wife.

A Snake in the Garden

There were animals in that garden, and God told Adam to give them names. Not all snakes are poisonous, but there was one snake in that garden that was very bad. One day it told Eve that she need not be afraid to eat of the fruit of a certain tree. He said that the fruit would make her know everything as God did. Eve made a terrible mistake when she listened to the snake. When she looked at the fruit and saw it was very good, and believed what the snake said instead of what God said, she wanted it. She ate it and also gave her husband some of it.

Adam and Eve Were Afraid

Sometimes God walked in the lovely garden and talked with Adam and Eve. No doubt they were glad to have Him with them. But after they had eaten that fruit, when they heard God's voice they were afraid and tried to hide from God. God called them. They were ashamed to come to Him. God asked them if they had eaten the fruit He told them not to eat, and they said they had. Eve blamed it to the snake, and Adam blamed it to Eve. When a person has done wrong he tries to blame it on someone else.

They Were Driven from the Garden

God told Adam and Eve that because they had disobeyed Him they were no longer fit to live in that holy garden and be with Him. He sent them out of the garden and set an angel to guard the gate.

Adam and Eve did a terrible thing when they disobeyed God; for that brought sin, sickness, and death into the whole world and to all people. When we do wrong things we nearly always cause someone else to do wrong, too.

QUESTIONS

Why did God place man in the Garden of Eden? Genesis 2:15. Could man eat of ever tree in the Garden? Genesis 2:17. How did the animals get their names? Genesis 2: 19, 20. What did the serpent say to Eve? Genesis 3: 4, 5. Why did Adam hide from God? Genesis 3:10. Why are there thorns and thistles? Genesis 3:17, 18.

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Oh, Be Careful

Oh, be careful, little eyes, what you see Oh, be careful, little eyes, what you see For the Father up above Is looking down in love Oh, be careful, little eyes, what you see







