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Adam – God’s First Leader Fails A Test (Genesis 1:28)

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*During this legislative session we will see how God shapes men and women into leaders, into champions. Much of this action will take place in the committee rooms and chambers of the Capitol. We will study this process in our weekly Bible studies. These notes will highlight principles and help us focus on our personal growth rather than being caught up in the noise around us. **Can you point out a couple of key events that brought you to this place in your life and gave you purpose?***

INTRODUCTION

Genesis answers the origin and purpose question for Adam and for us. **“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth”** (Genesis 1:1). Time began when God said (ten times): **“Let there be ...and it was so”** (Psalm 33:6-9). God separated the light from darkness and the land between the waters. Next were the seasons. Then God created the vegetation and creatures that swim, fly, and crawl...commanding these each to multiply according to its kind. **“And God saw that it was good/beautiful”** (Genesis 1:2-25). Note the ascending order of creation. **Consider God’s purpose in this awesome creation!**

THE APEX OF GOD’S CREATION

Genesis 1:26-28a Then God said, “Let us make man in Our image, in Our likeness, and then let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the cattle and all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” God created man in His own image, the image of God He created him; male and female He created them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it....” (NASB)

Consider the difference between the terms: created (Gen 1:1, 21, 27), made (Gen 1:14), formed (Gen 1:27), and established (Jeremiah 10:12).

Have you ever seen something spoken into being?

What are some of the directions given to mankind?

BLESSED AS KEEPERS OF GOD’S GARDEN

Genesis 2:15-17 The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.” (NIV)

God created seeds and vegetation in the greenhouse like environment. Produce and fruit would reproduce. No hard work, sweat, or evil to be experienced. **What impacts have you seen from disobedience?**

CURSED ARE THOSE WHO DO NOT REPENT OF SIN

Genesis 3:1-4 2:15-17 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’” “You will not surely die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” (NIV)

What creature did the serpent represent? (Gen 3:14).

Eve negotiated rather than flee from the temptation.

How can we recover from sin or mistakes? Could Adam have taken the blame and confessed to God, whom he offended? (1 Timothy 2:14).

Consider the impacts of losing GOD’s blessings (Gen 3:16 -20:2). They lived with hardships and later experienced death. Paradise was lost (Gen 3:24), salvation granted by grace. They believed God and it was credited to them as righteousness. (Gen 15:6, Rev 22:2).

A PRAYER

Almighty God, thank You for making me in Your image. Please empower me to gain favor with You and with those in my life. I pray this in the Name of Jesus. Amen!