

MAN IN GOD'S CREATION

Lesson Two

THE FIRST COUPLE AND THEIR FIRST HOME (1)

Burden to Impart:

In this lesson we see how after God had created the heavens, the earth, and man, He went even further to make a very special home for Adam, a wonderful garden.

Memory Verse: “And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there He put the man whom He had formed” (Genesis 2:8).

Facts to Teach: [Scripture reading: Gen. 2:8-10, 15]

1. The Garden of Eden was very large and spacious. It was green, beautiful, and luscious. Just being there brought pleasure to man. For this reason it was called Eden (meaning pleasure). It was filled with beautiful, colorful plants, flowers, and fruit trees. Animals lived there, and they were all friendly and tame. The temperature was just right for man to live comfortably. A river went through Eden to water it. Eden was man's home.

2. Man was to take care of this beautiful garden, which was not too hard then, for there were no weeds or thistles yet. He was also to guard it from any evil intruder (the Devil).

3. The garden had every kind of tree that was good for food. Man did not eat meat then, he only lived on the fruits that God provided.

4. There were two special trees in the center of the garden: the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. One tree was especially wonderful, the tree of life. God especially wanted man to eat of this tree. And one tree was especially terrible--the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God did not want man to eat of this tree. It was like a tree of poison that would bring man death.