

## EXPLORING GOD'S WORD LESSON 1

[Read Genesis 1:1-4]

### I. GOD CREATED THE WORLD IN SIX DAYS:

#### **Genesis 2:1–2 (KJV 1900)**

**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.

God created the world for one expressed purposed – To be the habitation of mankind.

### II. GOD MADE MANKIND IN HIS IMAGE:

#### **Genesis 1:26–27 (KJV 1900)**

**26** And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

**27** So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Adam & Eve were made for relationship.

What does it mean to be made in God's image?

- a. Creativity:
- b. Spiritual:
- c. Reasoning: (Able to contemplate math & science)
- d. Relational:
- e. Self-aware:
- f. Free Will:

### III. GOD GAVE ADAM & EVE THE POWER OF CHOICE!

#### **Genesis 2:16–17 (KJV 1900)**

**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.

The tree of knowledge of good and evil actually served to legitimize their relationship with God.

### IV. ADAM & EVE WERE MADE TO LIVE IN TWO WORLDS:

#### **Genesis 2:7 (KJV 1900)**

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.

- a. Physical (AM)
- b. Spiritual (FM)

**V. BECAUSE OF ADAM'S SIN, ALL ARE NOW BORN SPIRITUALLY DEAD. [Read Genesis 3:1-7]**

**Romans 5:12 (KJV 1900)**

12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

**VI. WE MUST BE BORN AGAIN:**

**John 3:3-7 (KJV 1900)**

3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

How are we born again?

- a. Of water = repentance & baptism [ See Acts 2:37-39]
- b. Of Spirit = Infilling of the Holy Spirit [See 1 Corinthians 12:13]