

Study Lesson Number 10

THE CREATION AND THE FALL OF MAN

CREATION:

What is man?

Man is a creature composed of body and soul, and made to the image and likeness of God.

Is this likeness to God in the body or in the soul?

This likeness to God is chiefly in the soul, since that is a spirit just as God is a spirit.

How is the soul like God?

The soul is like God because it is a spirit having understanding and free will, and is destined to live forever.

Who were the first man and woman?

The first man and woman were Adam and Eve, the first parents of the whole human race.

Is it possible that there are intelligent beings created by God on other planets of the universe?

Yes; it is possible that there are intelligent beings created by God on other planets of the universe, because God's power is unlimited.

What was the chief gift bestowed on Adam and Eve by God?

The chief gift bestowed on Adam and Eve by God was sanctifying grace, which made them children of God and gave them the right to heaven.

What other gifts were bestowed on Adam and Eve by God?

The other gifts bestowed on Adam and Eve by God were happiness in the Garden of Paradise, great knowledge, control of the passions by reason, and freedom from suffering and death.

GREAT KNOWLEDGE: Adam and Eve had knowledge poured into their minds by God. They did not have to study in order to learn.

CONTROL OF THE PASSIONS BY REASON: Passions are emotions in the soul, such as anger, fear, hatred, desire, joy, etc. Adam and Eve would not become angry unless they wanted to. They would never be afraid of anything unless they wanted to. They would never cry unless they wanted to.

FREEDOM FROM SUFFERING AND DEATH: There would be no sickness, weakness, weariness, or bodily discomfort were it not for Original Sin. There would be no death. When finished with his allotted time on earth, man and woman would simply go to heaven without dying.

THE FALL

What commandment did God give Adam and Eve?

God gave Adam and Eve the commandment not to eat of the fruit of a certain tree that grew in the Garden of Paradise.

Did Adam and Eve obey the commandment of God?

Adam and Eve did not obey the commandment of God, but ate of the forbidden fruit.

READ FROM THE BIBLE:

God as Creator - - Book of Genesis Chapter 1 and 2

The Fall - - Book of Genesis Chapter 3

Discussion Question:

Why does man's soul resemble God more than his body does?

Is it easier for us to commit sin than it was for Adam? Why?