

Lesson II.

MAN THE CROWN OF CREATION

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Genesis 1 : 26, 27 ; 2 : 7-9, 15-24. Study Genesis 1 : 26, 27 ; 2 : 4-25 ; Psalm 8—Memory Verses, 16, 17.

Golden Text—God created man in his own image.—Genesis 1 : 27.



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.

Ch. 2 : 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 E'den ; 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.

15 And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of E'den 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 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 Ad'am to see what he would call them : and whatsoever Ad'am called every living creature, that *was* the name thereof. 20 And Ad'am gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field ; but for Ad'am there was not found an help meet for him. 21 And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Ad'am, 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 Ad'am 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.* 24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife : and they shall be one flesh.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The wonderful world which God had made was now finished, but there was no one to enjoy its beauties—its seas and lakes and rivers, its grass and trees and flowers, its sun by day, its moon and stars by night and its wonderful living creatures.

So at last God made the greatest and most wonderful thing of all. He made man. We are told that God took some of the dust of the earth and shaped out of it a man, and He breathed into his nostrils and gave him life and a soul to think and understand.

God wanted this first man, whom He called Adam, to be happy, so He planted a lovely garden called Eden for him to live in and take

care of. There was a beautiful river in the garden, soft green grass, bright flowers and many trees that were pleasant to look upon, as well as some which bore fruit to eat. God told Adam that he might eat freely of the fruit of any tree in the garden but one. It was called the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If he ate any of the fruit of this tree God said he should surely die. This was to teach Adam to obey.

All this time Adam was alone in the world with the beasts and the birds. He loved them and took care of them, but he needed some one like himself to be a friend and companion to him. So God said, "It is not good