

The 8 men in Genesis

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THE FIRST BOOK OF MOSES, CALLED GENESIS.

CHAPTER I

1 IN the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
2 And the earth was ^bwithout form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.
3 And God said, ^cLet there be light: and there was light.
4 And God saw the light, that ^dit was good: and God divided ^ethe light from the darkness.
5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.
6 And the evening and the morning were the first day.
7 And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.
8 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and he called the firmament Heaven.
9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and he called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters he called Seas.
10 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that ^fit was good.
11 And the evening and the morning were the third day.
12 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide ^gthe day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:
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^a Ps. 136. 5.
^b Jn. 1. 1-3.
^c Col. 1. 16,
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^d He. 1. 8-10
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^e Jer. 4. 23.

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What is the purpose of creation?

GENESIS 1

- 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

REVELATION 21

- 21:1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away.
- 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and **He will dwell with them**, and they shall be His people. **God Himself will be with them *and be their God.***

What's the New Man character in God's heart?

- (1) **Adam** : sharing God's image/ likeness /authority
given free will / to show his obedience/ **LOVE** to God
- (2) **Abel**?

Fall of man

- Gen 3:4 Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”
- 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was **good for food**, that it was **pleasant to the eyes**, and a tree desirable to **make one wise**, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and **they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.**
- <<Sin brought nakedness, shame, guilt require coverings>>

(2) What can we learn from Abel?

- 17 Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’: **“Cursed is the ground** for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life.
- 18 Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field.
- 19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you *are*, and to dust you shall return.”
- 20 And Adam called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.
- 21 Also for Adam and his wife the **LORD God made tunics of skin and clothed them.**

Cain and Abel

- 1 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, “I have acquired a man from the LORD.” 2 Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. 3 And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD. 4 Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. **And the LORD respected Abel and his offering, 5 but He did not respect Cain and his offering.** And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.
- 6 So the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? 7 If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it.”
- 8 Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that **Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.**

Question 1: Why did God not respect Cain's offering but respect Abel's offering?

- **Cain**: Tiller of the ground
- Out of the cursed ground, I grow something “good”
- I can please God by My wisdom, my effort, my labour ...
- I CAN..
- Overturn God's judgment (**Rebellion**)
- **Abel**: shepherd
- God accepted the atonement of the animal
- I can only rely on the sacrifice of the animal.
- I cannot please God by my labour ..
- I depend on Christ (**Submission**)

Question 2: Why didn't God stop Cain and save Abel?

- If God stop every evil work before it happened, man may not bear responsibility, realise the consequence and seriousness of sin.
- Was it unfair to **Abel**?
- The purpose of man's life does not depend on how long he lived but his life fulfill his mission on earth.
- He is righteous and pleased God.

The first one with Faith

- Heb 11:4 **By faith Abel** offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that **he was righteous**, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead **still speaks**.

Question 3: What can we learn from this offering to God?

- Eph 2:8 **For by grace** you have been saved through faith, and that **not of yourselves**; *it is* the gift of God, **9not of works**, lest anyone should boast.
- Pro16:5 Everyone **proud** in heart *is* an abomination to the LORD;
- Pro 16:18**Pride** goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall.

The Fall of Lucifer

Pride

- Isa 14:12“How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!
- *How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations!*
- 13For you have said in your heart:
- ‘I will ascend into heaven,
- I will exalt my throne above the stars of God;
- I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north;
- 14I will ascend above the heights of the clouds,
- I will be like the Most High.’
- 15Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.

What can we learn from Abel?

- Rom 3:27 Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? **Of works? No, but by the law of faith.**
- Heb 10:19 Therefore, brethren, **having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus,** 20by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, 21and *having* a High Priest over the house of God, 22let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Not I, but Christ

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