

The Creative State of Adam and Eve *Before the Fall*

I. The environment before the fall.

1. No decay—no life cycle (Rom. 8:21).
2. Everything had its purpose: worthwhile (Rom. 8:20).
3. All creation was free from the slavery of the curse (Rom. 8:21).
4. All the animal kingdom was peaceful (Gen. 1:30; Is. 11:6-9).
5. All in the animal kingdom were herbivores.
6. The canopy, the waters above the firmament, controlled the climate and moisture (2:5-6; 1:7).
7. The plant kingdom grew differently (Amos 9:13).
8. Every plant was useful (*cf.* 3:18-19).
9. The land was flat (Amos 9:13).

II. Adam and Eve before the fall.

1. They, on a regular bases, walked with God.
 - 1) He was God the Son (Jn. 1:18).
 - 2) Due to their lack of their experiential knowledge, He taught them what and how to go about living.
 - 3) Since they had access to God, they had no need of salvation.
 - 4) They had the likeness of God—high reasoning ability.
 - 5) They had the image of God—clothed in light.
 - 6) They were unfettered by sin: innocent (Rom. 5:12).
2. The length of the pre-fall period is unknow; however, it was long enough for the two to bond (Gen. 2:20; 24-25; 3:6).

III. God's instructions: the rules:

1. Control and organize the plant and animal kingdoms (1:28; 2:5-6, 15).
2. Procreate (1:28).
3. Eat fruit from the trees (1:29; 2:9, 16-17).
4. Do not eat from the Tree of Knowledge (2:17)
 - 1) "Dying you shall die"
 - 2) Spiritual and physical deaths.

IV. The Test: Would Adam rely upon the information he received from God, or would he put his self-interest above his relationship with God?