



Everyday FAITH Family Page

Old Testament 1

Law/Gospel

God appoints me as a caretaker of His creation and expects me to take care of it for His glory and the good of others. **God provides me with all good things for this life and forgives me for Jesus' sake when I put myself above Him and His creation or when I misuse or neglect my vocation to rule the earth properly.**

Bible Words

I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Psalm 139:14

Just Joking

Where is the first math problem in the Bible?
When God told Adam and Eve, "Be fruitful and multiply" (Genesis 1:28).

God Creates Adam and Eve

Genesis 1:26–2:25

This second creation account overlaps the big picture in Genesis 1, offering details about Day 6, when God created people in His image.

God made Adam from dust wet by a mist, or mud. *Yatsar*, the Hebrew word for "to be formed" is related to the word for "potter," a person who shapes wet clay into useful items. The Lord breathed the breath of life into his nostrils, and man became a living creature.

Not wanting Adam to be alone, God made a helper for him. He caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep, took one of his ribs, and made a woman. The two became one flesh. The first woman came from man, but every person since has come from a woman.

What Is the Image of God?

The Hebrew word *tselem*, translated as "image," means more than physical resemblance. God made people to reflect His character and virtues as His representatives in the world and stewards of the earth.

The first people reflected God's qualities, such as perfection, sinlessness, creativity, and contentedness. They did not fear death because they ate from the tree of life. Most of all, God gave them the will and knowledge to please Him, which was lost when sin came into the world.

Since then, we can know the Lord only as the Spirit works through God's Word and Sacraments to give us faith.

God's image is being restored in Christians. As the Spirit works in us through God's Word, we become more like Jesus, the image of God. On this side of heaven, we will always fight our sinful nature and won't be fully remade into the image of Christ until we are perfectly renewed in the resurrection.

Prayer

Holy Spirit, work through Your Word and Sacraments to give us faith in Christ our Savior and renew Your image in us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.