**GOD PLANTED THE GARDEN OF EDEN AND FORMS MAN**

Genesis 2:4-25 (Key Verse 2:7,8)

*Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. 8Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed.*

1. Based on verses 4-7. How was man formed? Where did his life come from? Where was man put to live? (8) Who put him there? What do the following phrases show about God?

* “all kinds of trees grow out of the ground” (9a)
* “pleasing to the eye and good for food” (9b)
* “A river watering the garden flowed from Eden; from there it was separated into four headwaters” (10)
* “The gold of that land is good; aromatic resin and onyx are also there.” (11)
* “the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil” (9c)
* “to work it and take care of it” (15)

1. Based on verses 16-17, Why do you think God gave this command? What does the command teach about freedom? What does the command teach about life and death? How was this command God’s provision for man?
2. How did man co-work with God? (19-20) What is the significance of his naming the animals? What did God say about man’s situation? (18) Why could no suitable helper be found among the animals, and why is the woman suitable? (19-20) What do the words “suitable helper” teach about the relationship between: a man, wife and God?
3. How did God make woman (21,22)? What did God do with the woman he created (22b)? What did Adam say then (23)? What should a man do before being united to his wife (24a)? What does the expression 'they will become one flesh' mean?
4. Why is it significant that they felt no shame? (25) How did Adam receive her? What does this suggest about spiritual order in the family? About the family and God's mission?