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## Man's First Home Genesis 2:4-14

### Aim and Application of the Lesson

The lesson reveals how God provided for the needs of man and how man was created as God made and assigned **Man's First Home**. The study's aim is to acknowledge that God is the Creator of man and all of nature. The study's application is to take time to honor God who made us and gave us all things to enjoy.

*(Adapted from the Bible Expositor and Illuminator Commentary)*

### Lesson Introduction and Background

I always love coming home. Whether it is at the end of a grueling day at work or after a trip, there is nothing like stepping through my own front door. The sights and smells of my house welcome me into its peacefulness, and I am reminded of what a sanctuary it is for my family and me. It is a place where we can come together and let the world melt away for a while—a private haven. With my family there to welcome me, I am completely content. When you think of home, what comes to mind? For each of us, home may look a little different. For one person, it may be a cottage set back from the road. For another, it is a stately house in the middle of town. For another, it is that little house in a quiet cul-de-sac. For Adam, the first home was something completely different. It was not a house somewhere. In fact, home was a garden. Eden was a lush paradise, teeming with life. There were streams of sweet-tasting water in it. Lush plants teemed with flowers, while trees stretched to the sky. Animals walked placidly through the foliage. It was an outdoor Utopia where man could live in harmony, delighting in its splendor. It was more than just a place, however. For Adam, home was also about who was there. You see, Eden was home to Adam because God was there. Adam was able to walk right next to his Creator because God actually came down and walked in Eden (Gen. 3:8). Adam had direct, tangible access to Someone he loved dearly, just as you and I have with our families. Can you imagine that? Sadly, we live in a world much different, a world rapidly deteriorating. It is difficult to imagine a perfect world because none of us have seen it. Many philosophers and writers have speculated about what it would be like, and each of them has his own version. Our imaginations cannot come close to understanding it. Anything we think up fails to compare with God's original design. Why? Because God is infinitely wiser than we are (Isa. 55:8-9). It stands to reason that the world He created would go far beyond anything people could create. People can only create a flawed version of that world because they and all nature are flawed (cf. Rom. 8:20-22). The good news is that we will not eternally live in a world of decay. Someday, when Christ returns, He will set everything right again. When that happens, the curse of sin will be ended. Then everything and all of God's people will be set free from the decay of this current age. All nature waits eagerly for that day of redemption. As believers, we also know that we will one day be escorted into a new home (Revelation 21). In this home there is a place for each of us, prepared by Jesus Himself (John 14:2-3). Only in that day will we experience the world as God intended. Are you looking forward to that day? If you are like me, you can hardly wait! Until then, though, we need to be good stewards of this world and its creatures. We may not be able to repeal the curse, but we can do our best to care for what is here now.

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### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**  
God formed us; sin deformed us;  
Christ transforms us

**POEM FOR THE WEEK:**  
Adam was God's first man in  
creation—He through sin brought  
death to all mankind; Jesus came to  
earth to bring salvation: Trusting  
Him, eternal life we'll find. —Hess

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK:**  
*The Lord God planted a garden  
eastward in Eden, and there He put  
the man whom He had formed.*  
(Gen 2:8 NKJV)

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### **New Series: Beginnings**

**UNIT: The Beginning of  
Human History**

### NEXT WEEK

**A Suitable Helper for  
Adam**  
(Gen 2:15-25)

## NOTES AND CROSS-REFERENCES

### **A World Made Ready for Man (Gen 2:4-6)**

#### *Plans for the world (4-5)*

God controls national plans (Ps 33:10-11)

God controls the plans of the heart of man (Prov 16:1)

God controls the success of plans (Prov 16:3)

God controls the steps of man (Prov 16:9)

God's purpose will always be done (Prov 19:21)

Even in the life and death of Jesus, God's plan was accomplished (Acts 2:22-23)

#### *Watering of the world (6)*

Watering that pours out over the face of the land (Amos 9:6)

Watering through rain on the land (Ps 135:7)

Watering to bring forth grass (Job 38:25-27)

Watering so the animals do not die of thirst (Isa 50:2)

### **The Formation of Man (Gen 2:7)**

#### *Formed from the dust of the earth (7)*

All humans came from the dust (Eccl 3:20)

The first man, Adam, came from the dust of the earth (1 Cor 15:47)

The physical body will return to dust from which it came (Gen 3:19)

God remembers that man is just dust (Ps 103:14)

Man's spiritual body is like clay which can be molded by God (Isa 64:8)

#### *Breathed the breath of life into man (7)*

As long as we live God's breath of life is in our nostrils (Job 27:3)

God's breath of life initiates life (Job 33:4)

God's breath of life leaves upon death (Gen 7:22)

God's breath of life was given to the first man Adam (1 Cor 15:45)

### **A Garden Home for Man (Gen 2:8-14)**

#### *Provision of food (8-9)*

Provision of food from the God who owns everything (Ps 50:10-15)

Provision of food through the power and pleasure of God (Jer 27:5)

Provision of food from the One who supplies all needs (2 Cor 9:10-11)

Provision of food that comes from the hands of God (1 Chron 29:12-14)

God is the ultimate provider of all food (Ps 145:14-16)

#### *Provision of knowledge (9)*

Knowledge from the enrichment of God (1 Cor 1:5)

Knowledge from the light of God in our hearts (2 Cor 4:6)

Knowledge of insight to discern what is best and pure (Phil 1:9-11)

Knowledge of the mystery of God (Col 2:2-3)

Knowledge that is renewed by God (Col 3:9-10)

#### *Distribution of water (10-14)*

Distributed water that pours down into the ravines (Ps 104:10-12)

Distributed water that comes from upper chambers to satisfy the earth (Ps 104:13)

Distributed water that comes down from the clouds supplying rain (Ps 147:8)

Distributed water that well waters the gardens of the earth (Gen 13:10)