The Seed of God's Word

Unit B1 - Lesson 1: The Garden of Eden

Lesson Prayer

Lord of all creation, you are the source of all good gifts and you graciously sustain the created order. Thank you for tasking us with caring for the world you love. May we be good stewards of the earth and of all that you have so generously given us. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 1:26-29; 2:4-15

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.
And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds
of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over
every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man
in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female
he created them. 28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be
fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion
over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every
living thing that moves on the earth."

29 And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed
that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit.
You shall have them for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth and to
every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth,
everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for
food." And it was so ... .

4 These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were
created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

5 When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the
field had yet sprung up — for the LORD God had not caused it to rain
on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, 6 and a mist was
going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground
— 7 then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and
breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living
creature.

8 And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he
put the man whom he had formed. 9 And out of the ground the LORD God
made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for
food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the
knowledge of good and evil.

10 A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and
became four rivers. 11 The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one
that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. 12 And
the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. 13 The
name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around
the whole land of Cush. 14 And the name of the third river is the Tigris,
which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. 15 The
LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it
and keep it.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:35-49

38 But God gives [all things] a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of
seed its own body. 39 For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind
for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish.

40 There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the
heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. 41 There
is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory
of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

42 So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable;
what is raised is imperishable. 43 It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in
glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. 44 It is sown a natural
body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also
a spiritual body.

45 Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the
last Adam became a life-giving spirit. 46 But it is not the spiritual that
is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. 47 The first man was from
the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. 48 As was the
man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man
of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. 49 Just as we have borne
the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of
heaven.

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