

## **A The creation of the world.**

- ❖ In the account of Creation in Genesis 1:1-2:3, God is not trying to prove that He created Earth or how He made life begin on it. He just states that He did it.
- ❖ Obviously, no human being saw it, so believing that God did it is a matter of faith (Hebrews 11:3).
- ❖ God does not request blind faith from us. He has left proof of an intelligent design in Creation, so that we have evidence to believe if we want to.

## **B The creation of human beings.**

- ❖ Once our home was ready, God molded the first man with His own hands. Then, He also molded the first woman (Genesis 2:7, 22).
- ❖ Human beings are unique. They were created in a different way, and they were the only beings created “in the image of God.” What does that mean?
  - Our Creator is reflected in our physical, mental, and spiritual nature.
  - We are able to have a relationship with God and to make moral decisions.
  - Both men and women share that divine image. They are equal before God (1 Corinthians 11:12).

## **C God and humanity.**

- ❖ What do God’s blessing and instructions for Adam and Eve in Genesis 1:28-30 involve?
  - They were able to reproduce as a species.
  - They were assigned a task: to take care of Creation.
  - They were given a suitable diet.
  - They depended on God’s blessing and care.
  - They had everything they needed. They didn’t have to do anything to deserve it.
- ❖ God took the first step to have a relationship with humankind. He blessed them, and He also entrusted them with everything He had created.

## **D The loyalty test.**

- ❖ Successful relationships must be based on mutual trust. Therefore, God chose a simple loyalty test: “You may eat from every tree, but this one belongs to me, do not eat its fruit.”
- ❖ God gave humans the ability to freely make moral decisions, and an innate desire to obey Him. So that test was not difficult to pass.
- ❖ After humans betrayed God’s trust, they knew what evil is. As a result, they succumbed to alienation, loneliness, frustration, and death.
- ❖ Our relationship with God will be effective and long-lasting only if we choose to accept His will.

## **E Breakup and hope.**

- ❖ Satan used a serpent to deceive Eve (Genesis 3:1). However, Adam was not deceived; he consciously made his decision to eat from the fruit (Genesis 3:6; 1 Timothy 2:14). What were the consequences of this?
  - They lost communion with God and avoided Him (Genesis 3:8).
  - Mutual trust was lost (Genesis 3:12).
  - The horrible consequences of sin appeared (Genesis 3:16-21).
- ❖ Although the relationship was broken, God gave them hope: one of Eve’s descendants would defeat sin and restore their broken relationship with Him (Genesis 3:15).