

# project 4:4

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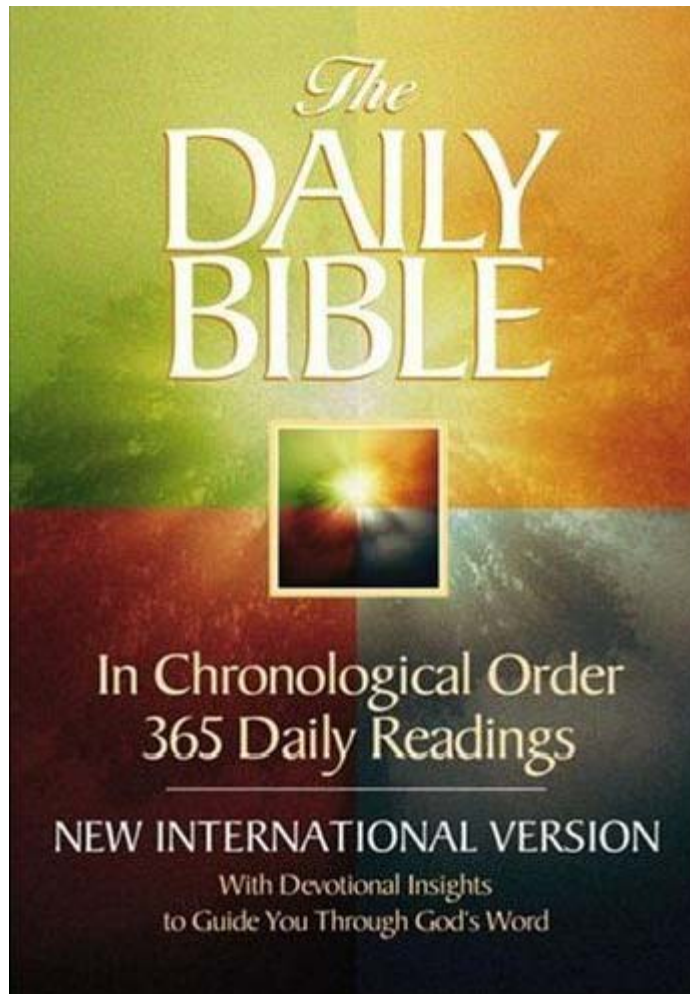
## Lesson 1 – The Beginning

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# Welcome to *Project 4:4*

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- ▶ Today, we begin a year-long study of the entire Bible in chronological order
- ▶ We are using *The Daily Bible*, edited by F. LaGard Smith
- ▶ Name of study comes from Matthew 4:4
  - ▶ “Man does not live on bread alone ...”



# This Week

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- ▶ We'll cover readings for January 1-2
- ▶ Genesis 1-5
  - ▶ Creation
  - ▶ Adam & Eve
  - ▶ Fall of Man
  - ▶ Cain & Abel
  - ▶ Initial Genealogies



# Creation

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- ▶ What existed before Creation – when there was nothing?
- ▶ Genesis 1:1
  - ▶ “In the beginning GOD ...”
- ▶ Exodus 3:14
  - ▶ “I AM WHO I AM”
- ▶ How did what is in existence come to be?
  - ▶ Ex Nihilo – “out of nothing”
- ▶ A rope with three knots ...



# Five Unknowables

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- ▶ In the first verse of Scripture, God presents us with five “unknowables”
  - ▶ In the beginning ...
    - ▶ TIME
  - ▶ God ...
    - ▶ DEITY
  - ▶ created ...
    - ▶ POWER
  - ▶ the heavens ...
    - ▶ THE UNIVERSE
  - ▶ and the earth.
    - ▶ MATTER



# Seven Days of Creation

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- ▶ Day 1
  - ▶ Light, Day and Night
- ▶ Day 2
  - ▶ Sky
- ▶ Day 3
  - ▶ Land, Seas and Plants
- ▶ Day 4
  - ▶ Stars, Sun and Moon
- ▶ Day 5
  - ▶ Fish and Birds
- ▶ Day 6
  - ▶ Land Animals and Man
- ▶ Day 7
  - ▶ REST!



# Creation of Man

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## ▶ Genesis 1:26-27

- ▶ <sup>26</sup>Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”  
<sup>27</sup>So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

## ▶ “Let ‘us’ make man in ‘our’ image ...”

## ▶ John 1:1-3

- ▶ <sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup>Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.



# Reflection

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- ▶ How is the “image and likeness” of God reflected in human beings?
  - ▶ Do we appear in His image at birth, but lose it thereafter?
  - ▶ Do we retain His likeness throughout our lives?
- ▶ How do we reconcile the idea of sinful man with us being made in the image of God’s holiness?



# Fall of Man

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## ▶ Genesis 3:1-5

- ▶ <sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’” <sup>4</sup>“You will not surely die,” the serpent said to the woman. <sup>5</sup>For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”



# Reflection

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- ▶ What was the one command that God had given to Adam and Eve?
- ▶ How does Satan use that one command to man's detriment?
- ▶ Who eats of the fruit first?
- ▶ Who does God confront first?
- ▶ How does Adam respond?
- ▶ What were the consequences given to Eve?
- ▶ What were the consequences given to Adam?
- ▶ What curse is placed on the serpent?



# Man vs. The Serpent

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- ▶ Genesis 3:15

- ▶ <sup>15</sup>“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

- ▶ The first prophecy of the coming of the Messiah

- ▶ Immediately on the heels of the first sin – not a thousand years later

- ▶ Once Man had separated himself from God, God *immediately* initiated the plan that would restore that relationship

- ▶ His love for us is that great!



# Takeaways

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- ▶ Sin produces SHAME
- ▶ Sin produces FEAR
- ▶ Sin produces BLAME
- ▶ Sin produces CONSEQUENCES
- ▶ Sin results in SEPARATION FROM GOD
  
- ▶ True for Adam & Eve, Cain, Lamech and Us ...
  
- ▶ GOD had a PLAN FOR RESTORATION
- ▶ The rest of the Book tells that story ...



## Your Turn ...

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- ▶ What insights have you gained from this week's study?
- ▶ What did you find in these passages that you have never seen before?
- ▶ How did the Lord speak to your heart through the Word this week?
- ▶ How will your walk with Him be different as a result?



# Next Week

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- ▶ Readings for January 3-9
  - ▶ Noah through the Death of Sarah

# Questions?

