**What Adam & Eve Looked Like**

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**Text: Gen. 1-4**

**Intro**

1. Many people over the years have wondered what Adam and Eve looked like!
	1. People speculate on ethnicity, culture, color of skin, racial attributes, *(did they have belly-buttons?),* etc.
	2. <http://creation.com/adam-and-eve>
	3. <http://hamptonroads.com/2009/01/what-was-race-and-ethnicity-adam-and-eve>
	4. <https://www.quora.com/What-did-Adam-and-Eve-look-like-according-to-different-cultures-or-different-portrayals>
	5. It is all speculation since the Scriptures are silent on this point!
2. However, God’s word does answer this question from a different perspective!
3. Consider what Adam and Eve looked like!
4. THEY LOOKED LIKE A MAN AND WOMAN
	1. Gen. 1:27: God created male and female in His own image.
	2. Gen. 2:18: Then the LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him.”
		1. Gen. 2:19-20: God allowed Adam to name all the creatures He had made.
		2. Adam noticed they all had companions but no such “helper suitable for him” was found among all the animals!
		3. God took a rib from Adam and created woman, “because she was taken out of Man” (2:23).
		4. God made two genders (not 50 or more as society falsely believes)! *(Mk. 10:6)*
		5. God made a woman for the man *(I Cor. 11:8-9; I Tim. 2:13).* God didn't make for Adam another man or a beast! Homosexual relationships are declared to be “against nature” *(Rom. 1:26),* and “unrighteous” from which man can repent and change *(I Cor. 6:9-11),* and if not won’t enter into Heaven!
	3. The Hebrew words used for “helper suitable” are “*ezer (H5828) neged (H5048: “counterpart, mate”).”*
		1. *H5828 ‛êzer [ay'-zer]: From H5826;* aid: - help.
		2. *H5826 ‛âzar [aw-zar']:* A primitive root; to surround, that is, protect or aid: - help, succour.
		3. The word *“ezer”* (H5828) is a military term used 21 times in the Old Testament, twice to describe Eve, and three times to describe Israel in her alliances with other nations. The remaining sixteen times that the word appears in the Old Testament, the word *“ezer” (H5828)* describes God!
	4. Gen. 1:27 tells us male and female are both made in the image of God. ***God is called a “helper” for His people!***
		1. Ex. 18:4: Moses named his 2nd son Eliezer, for he said, “The God of my father was my help *(ezer H5828),* and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh.”
		2. Ps. 33:20: Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help *(H5828)* and our shield.
		3. Ps. 70:5: David wrote, “But I am afflicted and needy; Hasten to me, O God! You are my help *(H5828)* and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay.”
		4. Ps. 121:1-2: “I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help *(H5828)* come from? My help *(5828)* comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.”
		5. **Girl Power!** God has made women in His image and nature of a wonderful helper!
			1. ***Husbands, don’t take your wives for granted!***
	5. Adam and Eve were man and woman (two genders) and were made in the image of God!
5. THEY LOOKED LIKE A HUSBAND AND WIFE
6. Gen. 2:24; Mk. 10:6-9: “For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh” (From the beginning of creation).
	1. With this first man and woman, God instituted marriage!
7. Adam and Eve were the first married couple, and since they were the only people to be married before “the Fall” *(Gen. 3),* they represent God’s perfect intent for marriage—one man and one woman united in marriage for life *(Mk. 10:6-9).*
	1. This repudiates all sorts of sexual sins, from homosexuality to fornication & adultery to polygamy.
	2. Marriage is not man-made (despite what society thinks or does) but is of divine origin – It must be viewed as good for mankind and held in honor (Heb. 13:4)
		1. Only within the bonds of marriage can a sexual relationship be pleasing to God; fornication and adultery *(I Cor. 6:9; Mk. 7:21; Heb. 13:4)* will condemn a soul to hell *(Rev. 21:8; 22:14-15)!*
		2. Paul said, “But because of immoralities *(porneia G4202: sexual immorality),* each man is to have his own wife, and each woman is to have her own husband” (I Cor. 7:2).
		3. Many are choosing to disregard it altogether and choose to simply “live together” (Gal. 5:19-21; Rev. 1:8; 22:14-15: “their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death”)
		4. The ungodly in society mock and ridicule marriage as old-fashioned and obsolete, and have even altered its meaning!
8. Prov. 12:4; 31:10: “An excellent wife, who can find?”
	1. “Excellent” = *chayil [khah'-yil] (H2428): From H2342;* probably a force, whether of men, means or other resources; an army, wealth, virtue, valor, strength: - able, activity, (+) army, band of men (soldiers), company, (great) forces, goods, host, might, power, riches, strength, strong, substance, train, (+) valiant (-ly), valour, virtuous (-ly), war, worthy (-ily).
	2. Prov. 12:4 & 31:10 are the only times in the Old Testament in which the Hebrew word *“chayil”* is translated “excellent” because it refers to a woman!
	3. It is a military term that has to do with soldiers, an army, wealth, or valor (and its variants) and is closer to the word “valiant.” ***David’s mighty men!***
		1. II Sam. 17:10: Hushai told Absalom, “all Israel knows that your father is a mighty man and those who are with him are valiant *(H2428)* men.”
		2. I Chr. 12:8: David’s Mighty Men (12:1) – “From the Gadites there came over to David in the stronghold in the wilderness, mighty men of valor *(H2428),* men trained for war, who could handle shield and spear, and whose faces were like the faces of lions, and they were as swift as the gazelles on the mountains. “
		3. I Chr. 12:21: “They helped David against the band of raiders, for they were all mighty men of valor *(H2428),* and were captains in the army.”
	4. A military term is applied to the “excellent wife” (NKJ: “virtuous”) whose value is worth far above jewels!
		1. ***Wives, you can excel at the nature of God within you (Gen. 1:27; 2:18) and be a blessing to your husbands (Prov. 31:28-29) in the way David’s Mighty Men were known and feared for their valor!***
9. Adam and Eve were husband and wife in divinely instituted marriage, which is to be held as honorable by all! *(Heb. 13:4)*
10. THEY LOOKED GUILTY
11. God had given Adam and Eve His law, forbidding them to eat of the “tree of the knowledge of good and evil” (Gen. 2:16-17).
12. They both transgressed God's law and sinned – first Eve, and then Adam (3:6).
13. Gen. 3:11-12: The Blame Game. Adam blamed his sin on Eve, Whom, he points out, God gave him.
	1. Adam's response, when confronted of his sin, was to blame his wife and, by implication, God Who gave her to him!
	2. When man yields to temptation resulting in sin, it is a personal choice of which he must bear the burden of guilt before God (Js. 1:14-15; Rom. 14:12)
	3. Scripture teaches that all accountable people are guilty of sin (Rom. 3:23) so repentance is required of all to please God (Acts 17:30; II Pet. 3:9).
14. Could say, they looked “dead” (Gen. 2:16-17; 3:2)
	1. Eph. 2:1-3: Those living in sin before Christ in their lives are “dead in their transgressions” – Adam and Eve spiritually died on that day and were guilty before God!
15. When they sinned Adam and Eve looked as we all do when we sin *(Rom. 3:23)* – ***Guilty!***
16. THEY LOOKED COVERED
17. Physically:
	1. Gen. 3:21: “The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them.”
	2. With the entrance of sin into the world came the knowledge of their nakedness, and sense of shame, and the conscious need for clothing (3:7: They made aprons from fig-leaves)
	3. God knew what they truly needed to be covered with and replaced their aprons with tunics (The necessity for modesty was here established) made of animal skins.
	4. Jesus warns, “but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart” (Mt. 5:28)
	5. Jesus taught, “The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness” (Mt. 6:22-23).
	6. The “lust of the eyes” is part of the sinful world we must not love, and learn to put away (I John 2:15-17) – The Scriptures describe those so depraved as having “eyes full of adultery” (II Pet. 2:14).
	7. Paul teaches that “women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly” (I Tim. 2:9).
	8. One's appearance must not be guided by comfort nor fashion, but God's will. There is clearly a connection between clothing and one's morality (Prov. 7:10: Dressed as a harlot)
18. Spiritually:
	1. As God knew what was best for Adam and Eve physically, He also knew what they needed spiritually and promised a Savior – Gen. 3:15
	2. Jesus is the fulfillment to that promise (Gal. 4:4) and in Him we are no longer dead in sin but made alive (Eph. 2:3-7)!
	3. The blood of Jesus replaces whatever we try to do to cover up our guilt and covers us, washing away our sin (Eph. 1:7; Acts 22:16; I Jn. 1:9)!
19. Adam and Eve left the Garden because of their sin but left covered and waiting for a Savior!
20. THEY LOOKED LIKE A FATHER AND MOTHER
21. Gen. 4:1-2; 5:4: Because God created the woman for the man, and because of the institution of marriage, Adam and Eve were blessed with children!
	1. Being parents is one of the most important responsibilities entrusted to us: “Behold, children are a gift of the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth. How blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them; They will not be ashamed When they speak with their enemies in the gate.” (Ps. 127:3-5).
	2. God's wisdom includes both a father and mother for bringing up children, and they both are responsible as parents (Prov. 1:8-9).
	3. A tragedy of divorce, often not considered, is the devastation felt by children who are involved.
	4. Parents should seek God's guidance for this awesome task: “Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it” (Prov. 22:6).
	5. Eph. 6:4: “Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”
	6. It doesn't take a village to raise children; it takes a father and mother! *(Prov. 1:8-9)*
22. Adam and Eve were parents and had the same grave responsibility parents today have concerning their children: “bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord!” *(Eph. 6:4)*

Conclusion

1. Adam and Eve are a picture of what God wants for us! ***(Men and women working together as fellow heirs of salvation – I Pet. 3:7)***
2. Their perfect home (Garden of Eden), though left for an imperfect one filled with sin and sorrow, can be had by all who overcome the trials of life (Rev. 21:7) in Heaven!
	1. Rev. 22:1-2: The tree of life: lost at Eden, found in Heaven!
	2. Heaven: The Perfect Home of the Soul! (I Pet. 1:4)
	3. Rev. 22:1-4, 14, 17: The water of life & the tree of life – Saints have the right to both!
3. Let us learn from Adam and Eve to know what God sees us as and the home He wants to welcome us into!
4. If you are not a Christian, you need to be to have the right to the Tree of Life – Believe, repent, be baptized, and live!
5. If a Christian struggling with sin in your life, repent and be renewed! You can be forgiven and have fellowship with God!
6. Whatever your request, let it be known ***NOW*** while we stand & sing!