



Salvation History From Adam and Eve to Jesus and Mary

In the beginning ...

- Read Genesis 1:1- 4
- Read verse 26
 - Note: “Let us make man in our image”. In biblical terms, “man” has two genders (male and female).
 - Moses used the plural of God (“Elohim”) to convey God's majesty and endless potential.
 - To be created in the image of Elohim means we were designed to reflect God's majesty.
- Read verse 31.
 - We were designed to be “very good” and to reach our full, Godly potential.
- Read Genesis 2:7
 - The “Breath of Life” is the 1st covenant between man and God
 - In biblical terms, the word “covenant” means: “I am your God, and you are My people”
- The Old Testament is full of references to Jesus, in amazing details.

The 1st Covenant

- For the first covenant, God breathed on Adam to give him the Breath of Life.
- For the final covenant, Jesus breathed on his disciples to give them (and us) his Holy Spirit (John 20:22), who is the Giver of Life.
 - The Holy Spirit is given to us at Baptism and renewed at Confirmation so that we can be ~ holy ~ and have eternal life.
- The 1st Covenant had 3 commandments (Gen. 1:28):
 - “Be fertile and multiply.”
 - “Subdue the earth” (take authority over the earth).
 - “Don't eat from Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil or you will die.” (Gen. 2:16-17)
 - ⇒ In other words: “You were made good. Be satisfied with that. Don't desire to know what evil is, or it will lead to your destruction.”

Breaking the 1st Covenant

- Satan tried to make God seem unfair.
 - He asked: “Did He really ban you from eating from all the trees?”
 - Next, he spoke a half-truth: “You won't die...” (The full truth: You won't die right now.)
 - Satan's message was and still is: “God doesn't love you, He doesn't listen to your prayers. Your best option is to do whatever you think is right for you.”
- Eve (and then Adam) listened to Satan, forgetting God's goodness, wisdom and love.
 - They wanted more than what God knew was good for them.
- Because God loved them (and us), He started a new plan.
- Read Gen. 3:14-15
 - God cursed the Snake: “Eat dust!”
 - ⇒ In other words: Since Man was made from dust, now Satan would be made subject to Man.
 - ⇒ How? “A descendent of Eve will crush the Snake.”