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Creator's Words
The Beginning of Blessing
From the Sacred Book
The Bible

[For the storyteller: This is the story of Creation which was the beginning of man's blessing. Bible stories are sacred stories and as such older listeners may not want to show disrespect by talking about the story after you tell it. Genesis 1 & 2]

Here is the story from the Sacred Book:

In the beginning Creator made the heavens and the earth. There was darkness and water covered the land. Creator spoke and said, "Let there be light." And it was so.

Creator divided the water above from the waters below. So Creator made the skies and the seas.

Creator spoke and separated the waters so that dry land appeared. Again Creator spoke and said: "Let there be vegetation on the dry land—plants and trees of all kinds that bear fruit with seed and reproduce after their kind." And it was so.

Creator placed the sun, moon and stars in the heavens to mark the days and nights and the seasons. The sun was to rule over the day and the moon to rule over the night. And Creator saw that it was good.

Creator spoke and said: Let birds fill the skies and let there be fish and all kinds of creatures to swim in the seas." Creator blessed them and said for the birds and fish to increase and fill the skies and seas after their kind. And it was so.

Then Creator said: “Let the land produce all kinds of animals and creatures that move along the ground.” So Creator made all the wild animals and the domestic animals and the creatures that move along the ground. Creator blessed these, too, and said for them to increase. Creator saw that it was good.

Then Creator said, “I will make man in my image, in my likeness. So Creator made a man from the dust of the earth and breathed into him the breath of life. So man became a living soul.

Creator placed first man in a forest He had made to care for the trees. Creator said to first man, “You may eat the fruit from any tree in the forest. But you must not eat fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. For the day you eat of this fruit you will die.

Creator had all the animals to pass before first man to see what he would name them. Whatever name first man gave the animals—that was their name.

Creator saw that first man was alone for he had no companion. So Creator caused first man to fall into a deep sleep. And while first man was sleeping, Creator took bone and flesh from first man’s side and made a woman and brought her to first man.

First man said, “I will call her woman, for she was taken from man.”

So Creator blessed first man and the woman He had made. Creator said, “Be fruitful and increase in number, fill the earth with your kind and rule over the earth and all the animals, birds and fish I have made. I now give you every seed-bearing plant and every tree that has fruit with seed in it as your food.” In the same way Creator blessed all the animals and birds and creatures that move along the ground and provided the green grass for their food.

Creator called the first man Adam. In those days Creator would visit the forest in the cool of the day to walk and talk with first man Adam and his wife.

First man Adam and his wife that Creator made were both naked but felt no shame.

Creator saw that His work of creation was very good. So Creator finished His work of creation in six days and on the seventh day Creator rested from his work and called the seventh day holy.

That is the story from the sacred book of the Beginning of Blessing when Creator made the heavens and the earth and the first man and woman.

2
Creator's Words
The Beginning of the Curse
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[For the storyteller: This is the story of the beginning of the curse from disobedience of first man Adam and first woman Eve. Genesis 3]

Here is the story from the Sacred Book:

Serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals Creator had made. One day Serpent said to first woman, “Did Creator really say, ‘You must not eat fruit from any tree in the forest?’”

First woman replied to Serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the forest, but Creator did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the forest, or even touch it, or you will die.’”

“You will not sure die,” Serpent said to first woman, “for Creator knows that when you eat of that tree growing in the middle of the forest, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like Creator, knowing good and evil.”

When first woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food, and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom to be like Creator, she took some of the fruit and ate it. And first woman gave some of the fruit to her husband first man. And he also ate the fruit.

Then their eyes were opened and they realized they were naked. So first man and first woman made clothing of leaves to cover their nakedness.

Then first man and first woman heard the sound of Creator walking in the forest in the cool of the day. So they hid from Creator among the trees of the forest. Creator called to first man, “Where are you?” First man answered, “I heard you walking in the forest. I was afraid and naked, so I hid.”

“Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree I commanded you not to eat from? Creator asked first man. First man said, “It was the woman you put here with me. She gave me some fruit and I ate it.”

Creator said to first woman, “What is this you have done?” First woman said, “It was Serpent that deceived me, and I ate it.”

Creator said to Serpent, “Now you are cursed above all animals. You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. I will put hostility between you and the woman, and your offspring and hers, her offspring will crush your head and you will strike his heel.”

To first woman Creator said, “I will greatly increase your pain in childbearing. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.”

To first man Adam Creator said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree I commanded you, ‘You must not eat of it,’ now the ground is cursed because of you. Through painful work you will eat of the ground all the days of your life. The ground will produce thorns. By the sweat of your brow you will eat the plants until you return to the dust.”

So first man Adam named his wife Eve because she would be the mother of all the living. Creator made clothing of animal skins for first man Adam and his wife Eve and covered their nakedness.

Creator said, “First man has now become like a god, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out and eat from the Tree of Life and live forever.

So Creator banished first man Adam and his wife from the forest to work the ground from which he was taken. Then Creator placed two angels with flaming swords to guard the way to the Tree of Life.

That is the story from the Sacred Book of the Beginning of the Curse when Creator punished the disobedience of first man and first woman

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Creator's Judgment of Wicked Man The Curse Spreads From the Sacred Book The Bible

[For the storyteller: This is the story of the spread of man's curse when Creator destroyed the disobedient and saved those who obeyed Creator's words. Genesis 5-9]

This is the story from the Sacred Book

After many generations men began to increase in number on the earth, Creator saw how great man's wickedness had become. Every thought in man's heart was only evil all the time. Creator was grieved that He had made man on the earth. So Creator said, "I will destroy man, whom I have created from the face of the earth along with all the animals, birds and creatures, for I am grieved that I made them."

But the man Noah found favor in Creator's eyes, for Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked in harmony with Creator. Noah had three sons.

Because Creator saw how corrupt the earth had become, and the people had corrupted their ways, Creator said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence. So make for yourself an ark or boat of wood with rooms in it." So Creator told Noah how large to make the boat. Then Creator said, "I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under heaven—every creature with the breath of life in it. But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the boat with your wife and your sons and their wives. You are to bring into the boat two of all living

creatures, a male and a female, to keep them alive. Also take with you seven pairs of every kind of clean animal, a male and a female. You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten for you and the animals.” Noah did everything Creator commanded him.

Then Creator said, “Go into the boat, you and your wife and sons and their wives, for I have found you righteous in this generation. Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights until the earth is flooded.” On the appointed day the floodwaters began to come upon the earth when the heavens were opened and the great deep springs in the earth burst forth until the whole earth was flooded and every creature with the breath of life on the earth was destroyed. But Noah and those with him in the boat were safe.

After many days Creator remembered Noah and all the animals with him and sent a wind over the earth and the waters began to recede. At last Noah sent out a raven and it kept flying back and forth until the water dried up. Then Noah sent out a dove and when it returned with a freshly plucked green leaf in its beak, Noah knew that at last the earth was dry.

Then Creator said to Noah, “Come out, you and your wife, and your sons and their wives. Bring every living creature out. Be fruitful and increase on the earth. So Noah came out and built an altar to Creator and sacrificed some of the clean animals as a burnt offering. Creator smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart, “Never again will I curse the ground because of man, even though his heart is filled with evil from childhood.

Creator blessed Noah and his sons and said for them to increase and fill the earth. Creator said, “Everything that lives and moves will be food for you. But you must not eat meat that has lifeblood still in it”

Then Creator made a covenant with Noah and every living creature for generations to come and set the rainbow in the clouds as a sign.

That is the story from the Sacred Book of the Spread of the Curse and Creator's judgment of a wicked world.

“From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times for them and the exact places where they should live” (Acts 17:26).

4

A Descendant to Bless All Nations

From the Sacred Book the Bible

[For the storyteller: This is the story of Creator's Promise to Abraham and the Substitute Sacrifice. Genesis 12; 22]

Here is the Story from the Sacred Book

Many generations after the great flood, Creator called to Exalted Father Abram and said, "Leave your country, and your people, and your father's household and go to a land I will show you. There I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you. I will make your name great. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you." So Abram took his wife Sarah and departed to the land Creator promised. Abram traveled through the land and Creator appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So Abram built an altar and worshiped Creator.

Abram and Sarah had no children and now both were very old. Abram said to Creator, "O Sovereign Creator, You have given me no children. Creator replied, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars—if indeed you can count them. So shall your offspring be." Abram believed Creator, and Creator counted Abram as righteous.

Many years passed. Creator changed Abram's name to Abraham—Father of Many Nations. One day the Angel of Creator visited Abraham and Sarah. The Angel of Creator said, "About this time next year I will return to you, and your wife Sarah will have a son." And it was so. At the appointed time Creator was gracious and did as He promised. Sarah gave birth to a son and named him Isaac.

One day when Abraham's son was still a young man, Creator tested Abraham. Creator called to Abraham in a dream, "Abraham! Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the place I will show you, and sacrifice him there as a burnt offering."

Early the next morning Abraham went to cut enough wood for the burnt offering. Abraham took his son Isaac and two servants and set out for the place of sacrifice. On the third day Abraham saw the place of sacrifice in the distance. He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

Abraham took the wood for the sacrifice and placed it upon his son Isaac, and he carried the fire and the knife. Then Isaac said, "Father?" "Yes, my son," Abraham replied. "Father, the fire and the wood are here. Where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" Abraham answered, "Creator Himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering." And the two continued to the place of sacrifice.

On the sacred mountain Abraham built an altar of stones and arranged the wood on the altar. Abraham took his son Isaac and bound him and laid him upon the altar. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son.

Angel of Creator called out, "Abraham! Do not harm the boy. Now I know that you truly fear Creator, because you have not withheld your son, your only son."

Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught by its horns in a thicket. Abraham took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place *Creator Will Provide*. And it was said 'On the mountain of Creator, it will be provided.'

Angel of Creator said, “Because you have done this and not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you and make your descendants like the stars in the sky. Through your offspring all the nations on earth will be blessed because you have obeyed me.”

That is the story from the sacred book of how Creator chose Abraham and his descendant to bless all nations.

5
Jesus—Creator’s
Promised Son
From the Sacred Book
The Bible

[For the storyteller: This is the story Creator’s Son who came to bless man. He taught about Creator, healed the sick, restored sight to the blind, and forgave those whose sin offended Creator.]

Here is the story from the Sacred Book.

A prophet sent by Creator said a virgin would give birth to a son who would be called Emmanuel or *Creator with Man*. He would be despised and rejected by his own people. He would take up their infirmities and be familiar with suffering. He would be pierced for the people’s transgressions. The punishment that brings peace would be upon him. He would be like a lamb led to the slaughter. He would be falsely accused, beaten and put to death. Yet he would live again.

Creator kept His promise, for at the appointed time Creator’s Spirit came upon a virgin and she gave birth to a son. Creator’s angel said the son was to be named Jesus, for he would save his people from their sins. He would be promised Son of Creator.

When Creator’s Son Jesus began his ministry, Creator’s Spirit fell upon him when he was baptized. A prophet cried out, “Behold the Lamb of Creator!” Then Creator’s Spirit sent Jesus into the desert where he fasted and prayed forty days. Satan came to test Jesus. But each time Jesus replied with Creator’s words and so did not sin.

One day when Jesus was teaching in the place of worship, a man with an evil spirit cried out, What do you want with us? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the

Son of Creator!” Jesus replied, “Be quiet! Come out of him!” The evil spirit shook the man and came out with a loud shriek. For even the evil spirits obeyed Jesus.

A leper came and fell at Jesus’ feet begging, “If you are willing, you can make me clean.” Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man and said, “I am willing. Be clean!” Immediately the man was healed.

One day when Jesus was teaching, a paralyzed man was brought to him. Jesus said, “Your sins are forgiven.” The people thought Jesus was blaspheming, for only Creator could forgive sin. Then Jesus said, “The Son of Creator has authority on earth to forgive sin.” So Jesus said to the man, “Get up, take your bed and go.” And the man was healed and took his bed and went out.

When the blind came to Jesus, he restored their sight. When a woman with an issue of blood touched the robe of Jesus, she was healed and made clean. Jesus commanded a man with a shriveled arm to stand up and stretch out his arm and it was restored. Jesus touched a woman bound by Satan for many years who was bent over and could not straighten up. She, too, was healed.

Two sisters asked Jesus to come heal their brother. When Jesus arrived, the brother was already dead. The older sister Martha said to Jesus, “If only you had been here, my brother would not have died.” Jesus replied, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection in the last day.”

Jesus said to Martha, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies. And whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

“Yes, Lord,” Martha said, “I believe you are the Christ, the Son of Creator, who was to come into the world.”

At the grave Jesus commanded in a loud voice, “Come out!” And the dead man came out still bound in grave clothes.

Many who saw this believed. But others went to report to the religious leaders what happened. The religious leaders made plans to put Jesus to death.

That is the story from the sacred book of Creator’s Promised Son, a descendant of Abraham. He would be the one to bless the people of all nations who believe on him.

6
Jesus—Creator’s
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[For the storyteller: This is the story Jesus—Creator’s Promised Sacrifice for sin to restore the lost blessing and relationship with Creator.]

Here is the story from the Sacred Book.

The prophets said that the Promised Sacrifice would have to die. His hands, feet and side would be pierced and his blood shed. Yet he would live again.

Creator’s Son Jesus said, “ I do the work I see my Father doing, and the words I speak are not my own, but are the words of my Father.” Many of the religious leaders rejected Jesus because he was not one of them. Though people waited for Creator’s Savior to come, they did not recognize Jesus.

Some religious leaders did begin to open their hearts to Jesus. One named Nicodemus came to Jesus at night and said, “Surely you are a teacher who has come from Creator.” In reply Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, unless a man is born again of the spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of Creator.” Then Jesus said, “For Creator so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall never perish but have everlasting life.”

Many times Creator’s Son told his followers that he must go to the holy city and there be arrested, falsely accused, mocked and spit upon, beaten and finally put to death. But he would rise again on the third day. But his followers did not understand.

A time came when Jesus gathered his disciples to eat a meal together that recalled the time of the slavery and deliverance of the people. After the meal Jesus took bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, “This is my body, take and eat.” In the same way Jesus took a cup of drink and blessed it saying, “This is my blood of the new treaty between Creator and man poured out for the sins of many.”

Jesus taught that he must go away. He said, “In Creator’s house are many rooms. I am going to prepare a place for you. I will come again to receive you to myself so you may be with me.” When his disciples asked how to know the way, Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth and the life. No man comes to Creator except by me.”

That same night Jesus prayed three times to Creator saying, “Father, let his cup pass from me. But not my will but yours be done.” Religious leaders and their guards came to arrest Jesus. He was brought before the religious council. Many gave false testimony against him, but none could agree. When the high priest asked if Jesus was Son of Creator, he said, “I am.” Because of this Jesus was condemned to death.

Jesus was brought before the foreign governor and charged with causing an insurrection. When the ruler tried to have Jesus beaten and released, the people demanded his death. So Jesus was stripped of his clothing and cruelly beaten, mocked, spit upon and even a crown of thorns put upon his head. The soldiers led Jesus out to be crucified as a criminal. Jesus prayed for those who were putting him to death asking Creator to forgive them.

At last Jesus cried in a loud voice, “My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?” Jesus was being sacrificed for our sins. At last Jesus said, “Father, into your hands I give my spirit,” and he died.

Two faithful followers believed in Jesus carefully and lovingly buried him. On the third day, just as Jesus had said, the grave was opened and Jesus was raised to life. He appeared to many people before returning to his home with Creator. He lives today standing before Creator interceding for all who believe in him, and who repent of their sin and ask forgiveness. Today those who seek Jesus as Savior will find Him and receive the everlasting life Creator's Son Jesus promised and the blessing Creator promised through Abraham's descendant in the sacred story.

7

**Gathering of the Nations
And Future Blessing
From the Sacred Book
The Bible**

[For the storyteller: This is the story of gathering of the nations before the Lord and time of blessing for believers. The references are for the storyteller and not to be included in the storytelling.]

Here is the story from the Sacred Book

Jesus the Son of Creator taught the people: “The harvest is at the end of the age, and the harvesters are Creator’s angels. As weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Creator will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of Creator their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.” (*Mt. 13:39-43*)

And again Jesus taught, “When the Son of Creator comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him. And he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right, and the goats on his left.

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.’”

Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’” (*Mt. 25:31-34, 41*)

One of the disciples of Jesus wrote these words: “Yet o all who received him, to those who believed on his name, he gave the right to become the children of Creator.” (*Jn 1:12*)

A terrified jailer once asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” The Good News teacher Paul replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.” Then Good News teacher Paul and his companion spoke the words of the Lord Creator to him and to all others in his house...then immediately the jailer and all his family were baptized.” (*Ac 16:30-31; 33*)

Good News teacher Paul also wrote: “Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep...We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that Creator will bring with His Son Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

For the Lord Jesus himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the angel and the trumpet call of Creator...The dead in Christ will rise. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up to meet Lord Jesus in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.” (*1Th 4:13-14, 16-17*)

In heaven the believers will sing a new song about Lord Jesus: “You are worthy to take the scroll and open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for Creator from every tribe and language and people and nation.” (*Rev 5:9*)

“And after this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne of the Lamb, saying ‘Salvation belongs to Creator our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.’” (*Rev 7:9, 10*)

“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Now the dwelling of Creator is with men, and He will live among them. They will be His people, and Creator Himself will be

their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more mourning or crying or pain...He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.’” (*Rev 21:3-4, 7*)

The disciple Peter said: “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven.” (*Ac 2:38*)

Would you like to receive this great blessing of forgiveness of sin and everlasting life with Creator? He has prepared a place for you.