

The background is a dark, gradient field of colors, primarily deep blue and black. It is adorned with several bright, glowing light streaks. A prominent blue streak curves from the upper left towards the center. Another blue streak is visible on the left side, curving upwards. A bright orange and yellow streak enters from the right side, curving towards the center. A red streak is also visible, curving from the bottom right towards the center. The overall effect is one of dynamic energy and cosmic light.

IN THE BEGINNING: CREATION

IN THE
BEGINNING GOD

GENESIS 1:1

WHO IS GOD?



**Do you ever substitute
your own thoughts and opinions
about who God is and
how you think He "should" behave...**

**rather than take the time to learn
about Him, what He has revealed
to us in His Word, the Bible?**

**That's what the religious leaders
of Israel did in biblical times.
It ended badly for them.**

**They saw themselves as being righteous
based on their own merit, and
elevated themselves above others.**

**They cared about outward appearances,
but their hearts were dark
and far from God.**

**They held fast to their own traditions,
and added hundreds of rules to the
law of Moses and oppressed the people,
but they ignored the Scriptures,
ignored the prophecies that told them
some 700 years in advance exactly
to the day
when their Messiah would come.**

**They made things up in their minds
about what they thought the Messiah
"should" be like...
which resulted in them
rejecting the Messiah
at the time of His visitation.**

**They were wanting, expecting
a military leader who would
free them from Roman rule,
not a suffering Savior...**

**...a suffering Savior who had
stepped down out of Heaven
to take upon Himself
the due penalty of death for their sins
so they would not have to perish
but could have everlasting life.**

**But they chose to cling steadfastly
to their traditions,
their false beliefs and opinions,
their self-righteousness,
and rejected the Messiah,
Jesus Christ**

Are you doing the same?
If you are, then...



**GOD IS NOT
WHO YOU THINK HE IS**

**And you're making stuff up
either to excuse yourself
or falsely believe that you're
"good to go"**

**Do you see yourself as a "good" person
and think that when you die you will
go to Heaven based on how "good"
you were during your lifetime?**

**If you do,
you're wrong.**

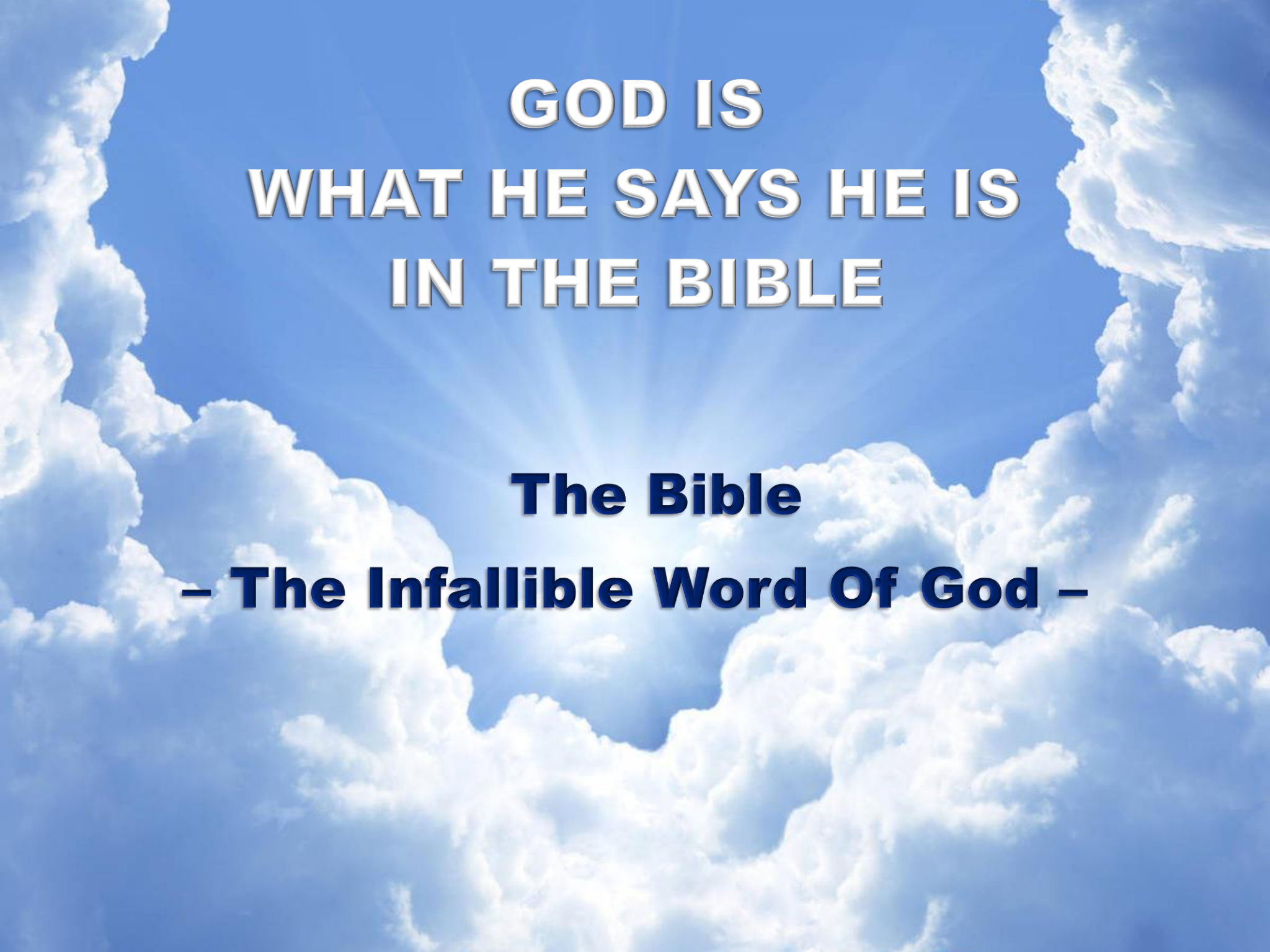
**Hell will be filled with "good" people
such as the Jewish religious leaders
who chose to believe their own traditions
and ignored what the Scriptures said.**



**And Heaven will be filled with "bad" people
who believed Jesus is who He said He is,
believed what the Scriptures said,
and accepted salvation offered by Christ.**

**Please take God's truth seriously,
and let me introduce you
to the awesome God of the Bible.**

HE LOVES YOU!



**GOD IS
WHAT HE SAYS HE IS
IN THE BIBLE**

The Bible
– The Infallible Word Of God –



GOD IS THE TRIUNE GOD

God the Father
God the Son (Jesus Christ)
God the Holy Spirit



GOD IS

The I AM

The Almighty



GOD IS

The Most High

The Strong One



GOD IS SOVEREIGN

**All of creation
cannot thwart His purposes**

GOD IS INFINITE

**None of us humans can fully answer
the God-sized question of:**

What are your attributes?



GOD IS OMNIPRESENT

Present everywhere

GOD IS OMNISCIENT

He knows the past, present, and future

**He knows our very thoughts
– before we even think them**



GOD IS

**Incomparable, unequaled, perfect
Inscrutable, unfathomable, unsearchable**



GOD IS

**Immutable, unchanging
Absolutely reliable and trustworthy**



GOD IS

Incorruptible

He cannot lie

GOD IS OMNIPOTENT

**All-powerful, can do anything
– nothing is impossible for Him –**



GOD IS HOLY

**Separated from all moral defilement
and hostile towards it**



GOD IS JUST

**He cannot and will not
pass over wrongdoing**



GOD IS JUST

**His justice is always
administered fairly**



GOD IS JUST

**He sees all evil and it angers Him.
He is a consuming fire.**



GOD IS FULL OF GRACE

Full of goodness, kindness, and mercy
Patient and long-suffering

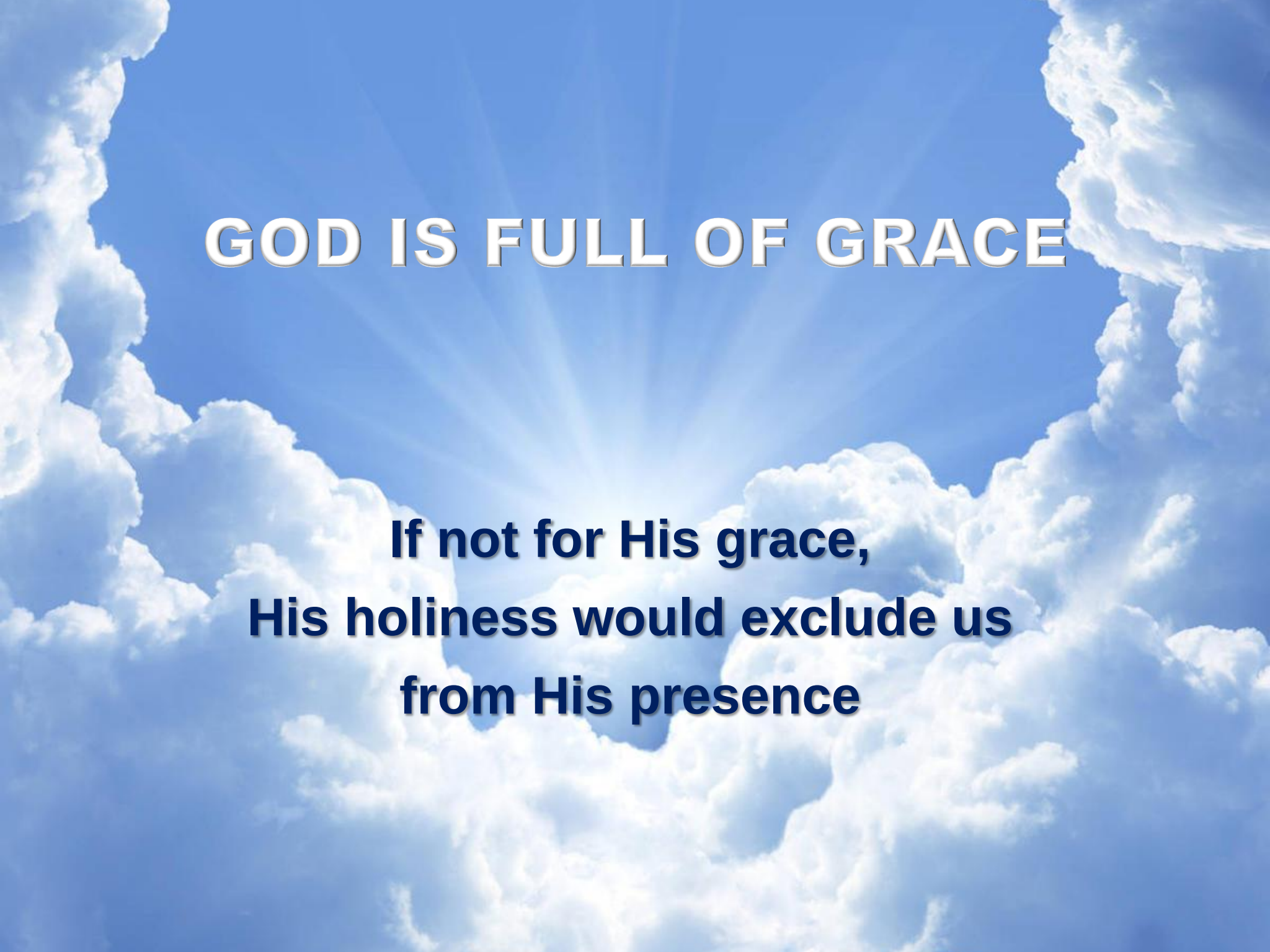
GOD IS RIGHTEOUS

**"The Lord is righteous in everything he does;
he is filled with kindness."**

– PSALM 145:17 (NLT)



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GOD IS FULL OF GRACE

**If not for His grace,
His holiness would exclude us
from His presence**

God does not ask us to understand His ways or thoughts

**"For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
So are My ways higher than your ways
And My thoughts *higher* than your thoughts."**

– ISAIAH 55:9 (AMP)



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... but by faith believe

**And it is impossible to please God
without faith.**

– HEBREWS 11:6 (NLT)



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by faith believe

**Anyone who wants to come to him
must believe that God exists and that
he rewards those who sincerely seek him.**

– HEBREWS 11:6 (NLT)



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**Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and
do not depend on your own understanding.**

– PROVERBS 3:5 (NLT)



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GOD IS CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE

Vast, complex, and following order

IN THE
BEGINNING GOD

GENESIS 1:1

CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH

DAY 1

"Let there be light"

**God separated light from darkness –
called it day and night**

GENESIS 1:1-5

DAY 2

**"Let there be a space
between the waters of the heavens,
from the waters of the earth"**

God called the space "sky"

GENESIS 1:6-8

DAY 3

"Let the waters be gathered...
let the dry land appear...
let the earth sprout
vegetation... plants... fruit trees"

GENESIS 1:9-13

DAY 4



**"Let lights
appear in the
sky to
separate the
day from
the night..."**

GENESIS 1:14-19

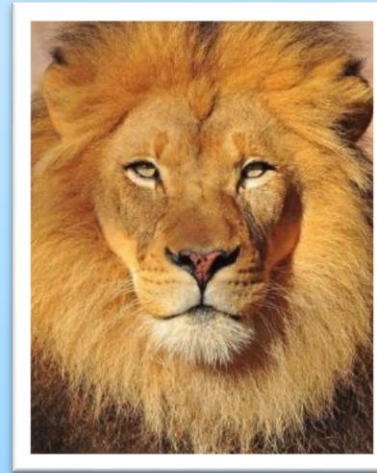




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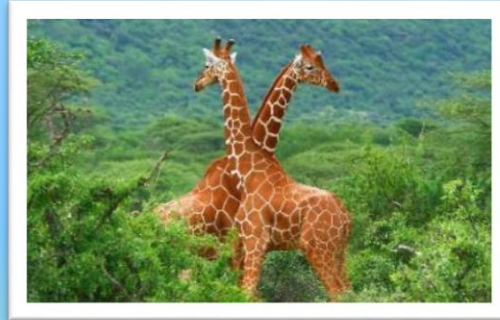
GENESIS 1:20-25

**"Let the waters swarm with fish and other life.
Let the skies be filled with birds of every kind."**



DAY 6

GENESIS 1:24-25



**"Let the earth bring forth living creatures...
livestock, creeping things,
and beasts of the earth . . ."**

**Then God said, "Let Us
(Father, Son, Holy Spirit)
make man in Our image,
according to Our likeness**

[not physical, but a spiritual personality and moral likeness];

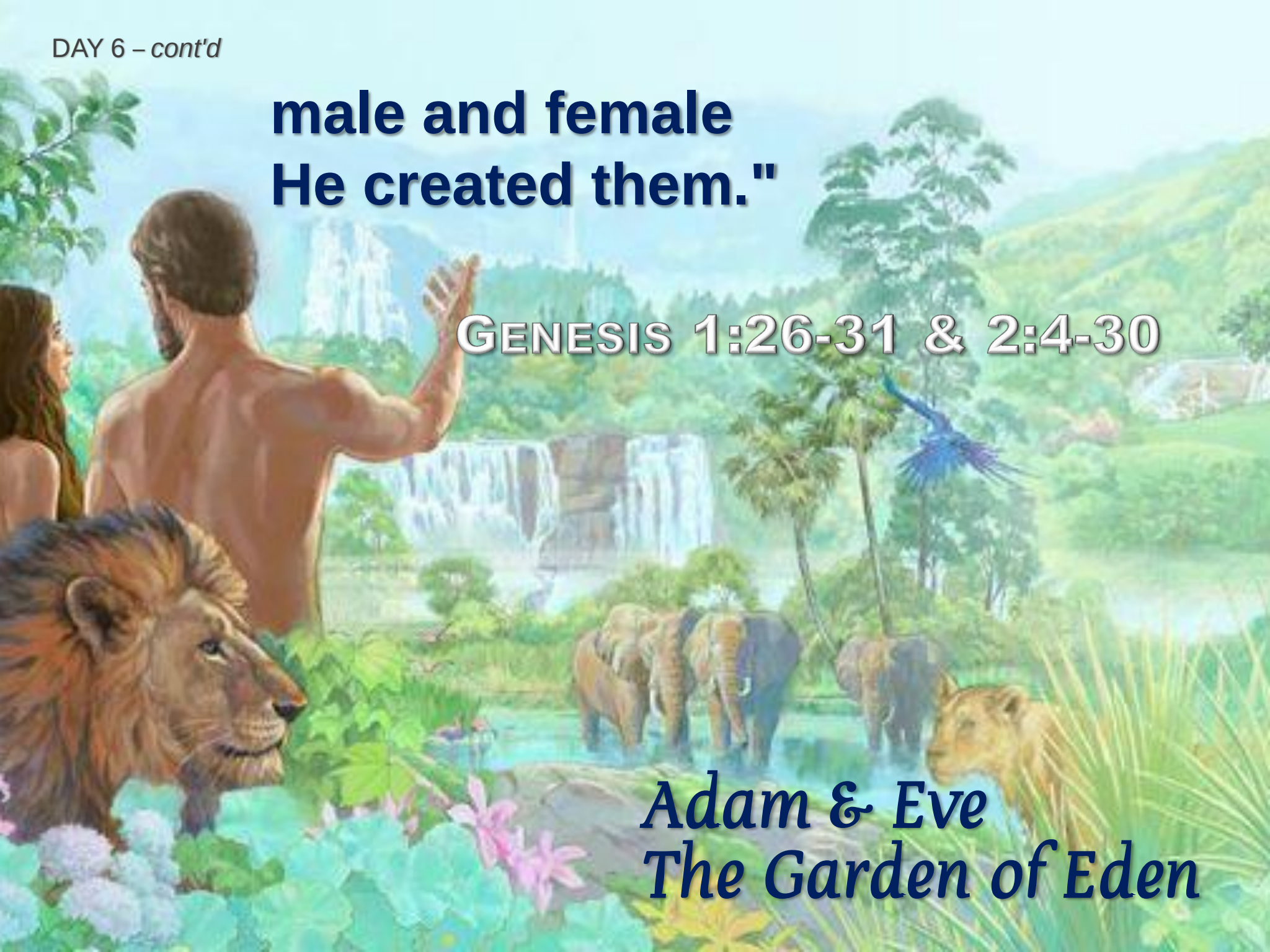
GENESIS 1:26-30 (AMP)

DAY 6 – cont'd

**male and female
He created them."**

GENESIS 1:26-31 & 2:4-30

*Adam & Eve
The Garden of Eden*



**Then God looked over all he had made,
and he saw that it was very good.**

GENESIS 1:31

A bright sun is shining from the top center of the frame, creating a strong lens flare that spreads across the sky. The sky is a clear, vibrant blue. Below the sun, there are large, fluffy white clouds that fill the lower half of the image. The overall scene is bright and serene.

DAY 7

God rested.

GENESIS 2:1-3

Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.

**He existed before anything was created and is
supreme over all creation, for through him
God created everything in the heavenly realms
and on earth. He made the things we can see
and the things we can't see –
such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers,
and authorities in the unseen world.**

Everything was created through him and for him.

COLOSSIANS 1:16 (NLT)



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