# Dear God, HOW SWEET IS YOUR WORD?

**BOOK OF GENESIS 1** 



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# A WONDERFUL WORLD

### Genesis 1

# Dear Child,

For a long, long time the world was covered in darkness. Can you imagine the world with no light, no sun, and no moon?

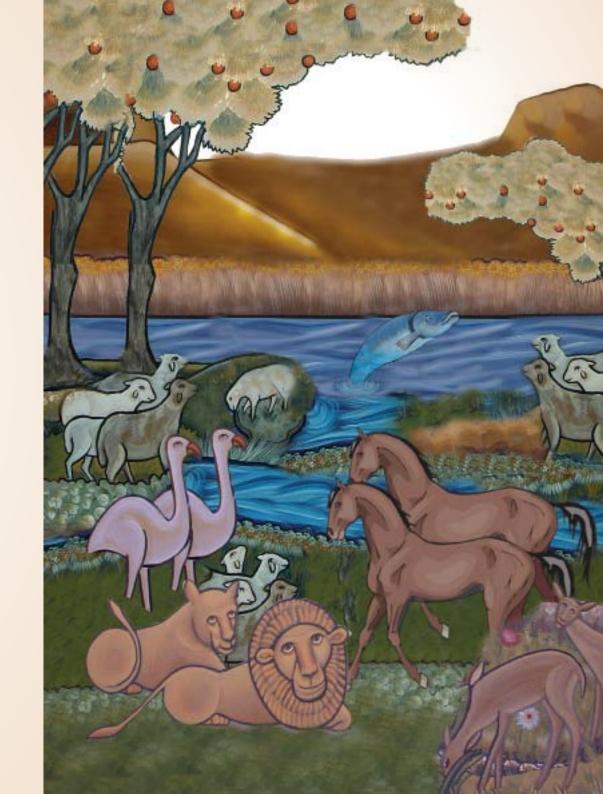
Then one day I said, "Let there be light"; and there was light shining over all the earth. I decided to call the light Day, and the darkness Night. I created the light so that you, my lovely child, would be able to see and enjoy the beautiful world I created for you.

I let the waters under the heavens come together in one place so that land may appear for you to dwell in, and the waters will be the seas for you to enjoy. Now that we have the water and the earth, I created the grass for the animals to eat, and the fruits and vegetables for you to enjoy.

I could not let you live in blackness, so I created the sun to shine on you during the day, and the beautiful moon and stars to guide you throughout the night.

Of course my dear child I did not want you to be alone, so I designed your grandfather, Adam, and grandmother Eve. They were very happy, for the entire world was so lovely!

I Love you. Your Heavenly Father



# A KING AND QUEEN IN THE ROYAL PALACE Genesis 1-2

#### Dear Father,

You did such a wonderful thing when You created my grandparents Adam and Eve to be King and Queen of the Garden of Eden. This Garden was such a beautiful place; it was their royal palace.

They were full of joy, for You were with them. You granted them minds to think soundly, and hearts to love You, and love each other.

They were very happy when they heard Your voice in the garden. They were, after all, Your children. Just as I am Your child, and You are my Father. They used to run towards You and sing songs to You like the angels in Heaven. songs made them happy and full of delight.

You blessed Adam and Eve with this beautiful, royal garden filled with many trees bearing delicious fruits for them to eat and enjoy. All You asked of them was to simply leave one tree untouched. I pray, my dear Father, that I can always obey Your word and commandments.

I Love you. Your child



# YOUR PROMISES ARE SWEET

### Genesis 3

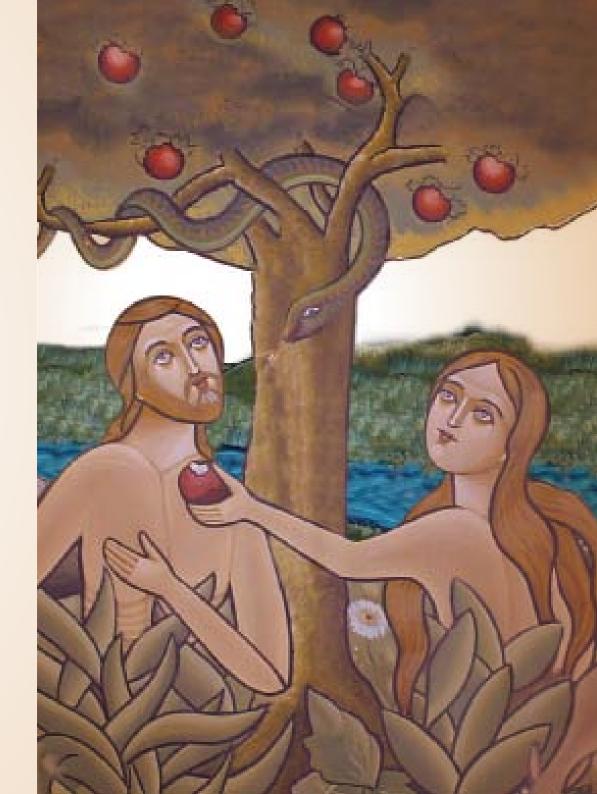
#### Dear Father,

You gave the commandment to my grandfather Adam and grandmother Eve not to touch one tree in the garden, but they did not listen to You.

For on that day their eyes were opened to know good and evil, and they were kicked out of the Garden of Eden. If they had obeyed You, they would have lived as they were in Heaven. They would not have tasted death nor suffering. For so in Adam all men die, but in You, our Lord, all men shall live, for You died on the cross to save my family and I.

My Lord Jesus, You were crucified on my behalf, to forgive me all of my many sins, so that I can one day be with You in Paradise. Oh Lord, grant me obedience to obey Your commandments and to keep all of Your promises.

Thank You Lord! Your child



# LOVE ALL AS YOU LOVE YOURSELF

#### Genesis 4

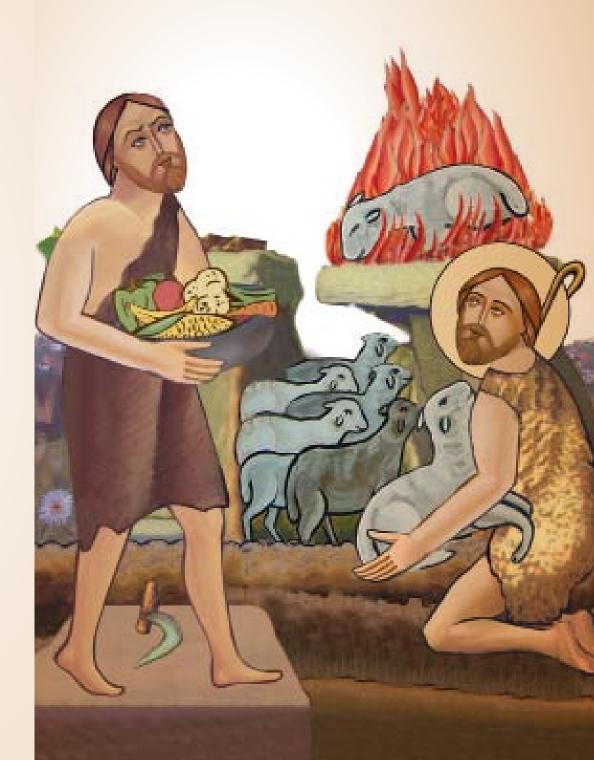
# Dear Child,

I love you just as I love all mankind; even Cain, the son of Adam and Eve, who had a violent heart. Cain had a strong hatred to his own brother, Abel. Cain's heart was so angry that he killed his own brother Abel for loving Me so much.

I wanted to forgive him if he would repent, but he was stubborn.

My sweet child, I pray that you always remember to love your enemies as yourself. You must love all mankind whether or not they love you in return. Pray for everyone and wish goodness and health to all your brothers and sisters on this earth. Also, do not forget to pray to Me, my child, as I need your love as well.

I love you, Always. Your Father



### WHO BUILT THE ARK?

### Genesis 6-9

# Dear Heavenly Father,

You asked Noah to build an ark, to save him and two animals from each kind: two horses, two donkeys, two rabbits, and so on, from the great flood.

You granted me a new ark, Your cross, to save me from this earth. After I was baptized, I became a member in Your Church, the Coptic Orthodox Christian Church.

Now that I am baptized, I am no longer afraid of this earth, nor am I afraid of death, for I know that You are ALWAYS with me. You are my Father. You prepare a special place for me in Heaven. I pray that one day, I will be with You in Paradise in Your glorious embrace. I thank You, my God, for the ark You have established for me on earth.

With all my Love, Your child



# MY SON ABRAHAM Genesis 12-25

# My Child,

How much do you desire to listen to Me? My son Abraham, at the age of 75, dropped all of his life and left from his home as I commanded him to do. I spoke to him as My friend, just as I am your Friend.

I promised him a great nation and many blessings, when I asked him to make a trip to Canaan, the Promised Land. Abraham and I made a covenant (promise) together. I granted him to be a father of all nations, and he was truly a lovely father.

At first he had no children till he became very old, because his wife could not bear children; she was barren. After many prayers, I blessed Abraham with a marvelous son, Isaac. Abraham became father and grandfather to millions and millions of believers.

I ask you, my sweet child to open up your heart and love Me with all of your might. I want not only to be your Father just as Abraham is, but I also want to be your Friend. Talk with Me whenever you are happy or sad, and at the end and beginning of each day be sure to greet Me good morning and good night.

I love you. Your Heavenly Father



# WHY DID ISAAC ACCEPT TO BE SACRIFICED?

# Genesis 22

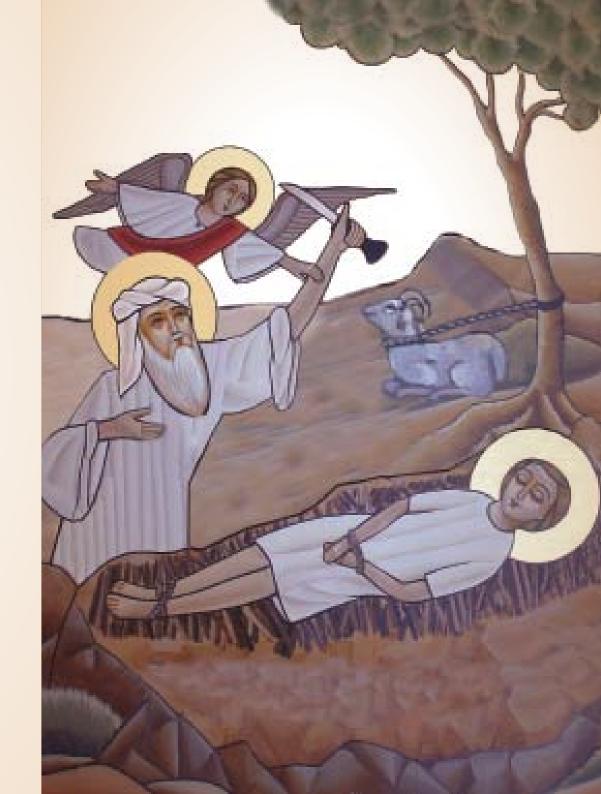
Dear Jesus Christ, my Saviour,

You descended into hades through the cross to gather up all the sins of the world. Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on me.

Isaac had so much faith, and he was happy knowing how much You loved him. When You asked his father Abraham to sacrifice him, he knew that he was a symbol of You as You were crucified and risen.

God, grant me to be obedient like Isaac. Please Lord, give me the faith in You that Isaac had, and teach me how to love You the way he loved You.

Thank You, Lord. Your child



# SUPPORT ME AS YOU SUPPORTED JACOB

### Genesis 28

# Dear Heavenly Father,

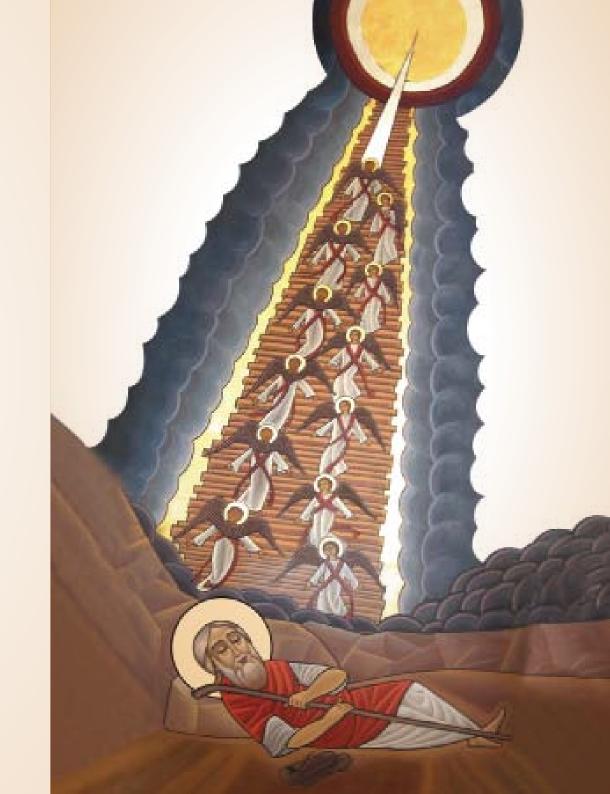
Isaac bore two sons, Esau and his brother Jacob. Esau was jealous of Jacob, and so he became very angry with him and tried to kill him.

Jacob escaped from his angry brother Esau by Your mercy alone. Truly, not even his father Isaac nor his mother Rebecca could protect him. He was alone in the world, but You never left his side.

In a dream, Jacob saw a ladder descending from heaven specifically for him to climb. He saw angels ascending and descending and the gates of Your Heaven were opened for him. You were truly in his heart and watching over him.

Please Lord, guide me throughout my journey on this earth. Help me to abide by the narrow and orthodox path, so that I may attain salvation and one day join with You in Paradise.

Love, Your Child



#### I WANT TO MEET JOSEPH

#### Genesis 37-50

# Dear God,

Isaac's son Jacob bore a son, Joseph, and eleven other sons. Joseph's brothers envied their father's extreme love for him, and sold him into slavery. Although Joseph was in a bad situation, he was not sad for he knew You were with him.

Even when he was in jail, Joseph proclaimed Your name for all the land to know. He served the prisoners and loved them as his family, for he had such a big heart.

Joseph was not afraid because he trusted You. He knew that no matter how long or how hard his journey on earth was, he knew You were always with him.

Later on, You granted him to be a great leader of Egypt. Many years later he met his brothers, who did not recognize him. Joseph still loved them even though they sold him into slavery.

Joseph is my role model; teach me to be strong and not afraid. Help me to understand that I can do all things through You, because You give me strength. One day Lord, I want to meet Joseph in Paradise.

You are an amazing God.
Your Child



# Song for Genesis: "Indescribable"

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea. Creation's revealing Your majesty From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring Every creature unique in the song that it sings All exclaiming.

Indescribable, uncontainable, You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name. You are amazing God All powerful, untamable, Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim. You are amazing God

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go. Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night. None can fathom

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Incomparable, unchangeable You see the depths of my heart and You love me the same

You are amazing God You are amazing God

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# **Reflections and Observations**

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