

Why did God create Adam and Eve?

The answer may surprise you.

Does God know everything? Yes. Does he know the future? Yes. Now, here is a loaded question: If God knows everything that is going to happen in the future, then he must have known before he created Adam and Eve that sin would enter the world, and some people would become extremely evil; so why did he create them?

Consider this: If he had created a race of people that never fell into sins, men could look at his creation and admire God's greatness, power, and even his love, but they would know nothing about his mercy. So, is this his purpose: To display to angels and men a greater aspect of his nature than just his greatness, power, and love; that is, to also display his mercy? Doesn't the display of his mercies go beyond the display of his greatness, power, and love?

But to display his mercy, there would have to be a lot of sinners around and a lot of hurting people. This is how we begin to comprehend how great God's mercies are: when we see God taking the wickedest of sinners and turning them into saints, and taking hurting people and healing them.

So, the conclusion of this matter is: It is when we hear/read accounts of some of the wickedest sinners being transformed into saints that we become astonished to see an aspect of God's character that is even greater than his love, greatness, and power: that is, his mercy! There are many in the world today who have testified to God's mercy and transforming power, people who one time were criminals, killers, adulterers, prostitutes, rapists, war lords, gang leaders, bank robbers and many other such people.

Now, let's go one step farther with this analogy: How great is his mercy for sinners? So great that God sacrificed his own son, letting him take the punishment due to the sinner. What else could possibly display God's love and mercy greater than for God to sacrifice his own son as an atonement for the sins of mankind?

Here is a verse that goes right along with the above: "Where sin abounds, there that much more the grace of God abounds" (Romans 5:20). Our God put us in a world with "abounding" sin so that we could see evidences of his gracious favor abounding even more. Those sinners, who are now saints, are God's showcase to both angels and humans.

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