

The First Garden and Its Purpose: Eden, Man's Ideal Place or Home Genesis 02 08–14

1. *A real place,
a garden planted by God*
2. *Eden met man's need for a home:
A very special place to live*
3. *Eden met man's need for beauty
and food and for
spiritual surroundings*
4. *Eden met man's need to live
forever: The tree of life*
5. *Eden met man's need
to exercise his free will —
his ability to choose: The tree of
knowing good and evil*
6. *Eden met man's need for water
and irrigation*

- 8 Now the LORD God had planted a garden
in the east, in Eden;
and there he put the man he had formed.
- 9 The LORD God made all kinds of trees
grow out of the ground —
trees that were pleasing to the eye
and good for food.
In the middle of the garden were
the tree of life
and the tree of the knowledge
of good and evil.
- 10 A river watering the garden flowed from Eden;
from there it was separated into four headwaters.
- 11 The name of the first is the Pishon;
it winds through the entire land of Havilah,
where there is gold.
- 12 (The gold of that land is good;
aromatic resin and onyx are also there.)
- 13 The name of the second river is the Gihon;
it winds through the entire land of Cush.
- 14 The name of the third river is the Tigris;
it runs along the east side of Ashur.
And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

**The First Charge or Covenant:
Man's Purpose Upon the Earth
Genesis 02:15–17**

- 1. *To know the goodness and grace of God***
- 2. *To serve God by working and taking care of the garden***
- 3. *To choose life with God: Love, worship and fellowship***
 - a. The incentive to choose life with God
 - b. The one prohibition
 - c. The result of disobedience: Death

15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

16 And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden;

17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”