

The Indescribable Gift

“Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!”

2 Corinthians 9:15

**Have you ever been lost?
Lost in Colorado Rockies
Orphans of God – another lost
First Book of Adam and Eve**

There are no strangers
There are no outcasts
There are no orphans of God
So many fallen, but hallelujah
There are no orphans of God

Before Paradise Lost

Garden of Eden – garden of God
Bright nature – see angels, worship unimpeded
Perfect bodies.
Perfect harmony

Paradise Lost

Went out the gate- to barren and rocky land
Passed by the Tree- shriveled and gnarled
Angel with Sword – thought we would die
Promise from God – 5,500 years
Cave of Treasures – dark, cold, uninviting
Bodies now – tired, broken, hurting, hungry

Paradise Found

Another Garden – Gethsemane
Another Tree – Calvary
Another Cave – birth in manger
Another Woman – Mary
Another Man – Jesus, Adam
Another Cave – Resurrection

The First Book of Adam and Eve

What happened between Genesis 3 and 4?

This book is considered by many scholars to be part of the "**Pseudepigrapha**" (soo-duh-pig-ruh-fuh). The "Pseudepigrapha" is a collection of historical biblical works that are considered to be fiction. Because of that stigma, this book was not included in the compilation of the Holy Bible. This book is a written history of what happened in the days of Adam and Eve after they were cast out of the garden.

This book is simply a version of an account handed down by word of mouth, from generation to generation, linking the time that the first human life was created to the time when somebody finally decided to write it down.

Parts of this version are found in the **Jewish Talmud**, and the **Islamic Koran**, showing what a vital role it played in the original literature of human wisdom. The **Egyptian author wrote in Arabic**, but later translations were found written in Ethiopian.

Jude, brother of Jesus, quotes from two books of the Pseudepigrapha, Assumption of Moses and Book of Enoch. All Jews read the story of the Maccabees. So we know it was familiar to Jesus and the Apostles.

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"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. – John 14:18

“He came unto his own and his own received him not. But as many as **received him** to him, who believed in his name, **he gives the right to be called the children of God**, -- children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.” – John 1:12-13

John 3:16 **For God so loved** the world, that **he gave his only begotten Son**, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Romans 6:23 For the **wages of sin is death**; but **the gift of God is eternal life** through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Gift – forgiveness, restoration, redemption

John 4:10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If you knew **the gift of God**, and who it is that said to you, Give me to drink; thou would have asked of him, and he would have given you living water.

Don't wait to see after you die that you missed the greatest gift of all. Don't let the greatest "Oops!" of your life to be at the door of heaven and realize you forgotten to open your most important gift.