

V. WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS

LESSON FIVE

... ABOUT MAN

INTRODUCTION

As we approach this topic of What Bible Says About Man, we want to see man in the place of prominence given him by his Creator (Psalm 8:3-8).

"When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained; What is man, that Thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that Thou visitest him? For Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of Thy hands; Thou hast put all things under his feet: All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

Man was created as the CROWN of the creation of God Almighty, the God of creation. He was given DOMINION over ALL that God had created. It is to this place of prominence that God, in Jesus Christ, would and will restore the human race.

Revelation 21:5, "Behold, I make all things new."

In this lesson we want to see man in his primeval/untested or original state, and secondly, in his fallen state.

ORIGINAL STATE OF MAN

CREATION OF MAN

What do the following Scriptures have to say about the creation of Man?

Genesis 1:26,27,31

Matthew 19:4

Genesis 1:28

Genesis 2:15,18,23

Genesis 2:7

Genesis 2:21,22,23

Conclusions: On the sixth day of creation God created man in His own image. forming the body of one mature male, Adam, of the dust of the earth, breathing into his nostrils the breath of life and made one mature women, Eve, of a rib of Adam.

NATURE OF MAN

Determine from the following Scriptures the nature of man.

Genesis 1:26,27

Genesis 5:1,2

Genesis 1:31

Ecclesiastes 7:29

Ephesians 4:24

Colossians 3:10

Genesis 2:19,20

Genesis 2:25

Genesis 2:7

1 Thessalonians 5:23

Conclusions: Man, as created by God, was an intelligent and moral being, consisting of a spirit, soul, and body united in one complete person. He was without a germ of disease or death, or a taint of sin, being endowed with spiritual wisdom and knowledge, and with perfect natural righteousness, goodness, and holiness, in the image and likeness of God.

THE FALLEN STATE OF MAN

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Genesis 2:17

Genesis 3:13

Revelation 12:9

1 Timothy 2:14

Genesis 3:6-10

Proverbs 20:27

Romans 5:19

Romans 5:1

Ephesians 2:1,3

Genesis 3:19

Romans 5:18

2 Thessalonians 1:9

Conclusions: Eve tempted by Satan, and Adam, voluntarily disobeyed a commandment of God, and by this sin they fell from their primeval state of

righteousness and true holiness and innocence. They and all men/women since became/are entirely depraved in spiritual darkness and death; being subject to temporal death and eternal condemnation.

HEREDITARY GUILT AND SIN

What is fallen man's spiritual and moral condition?

Genesis 5:3

Romans 5:12-21

Genesis 4:1,8

Genesis 6:5

Genesis 8:21

Ephesians 2:3

Romans 1:18

Psalms 51:5

John 3:6

Romans 3:9-18,23

Ephesians 4:18

1 Corinthians 2:14

2 Corinthians 3:14-15; 4:4

Ephesians 5:8

Romans 8:7

Romans 5:10

Colossians 1:21

Psalms 14:3

Romans 6:6

Romans 6:20

Ephesians 2:5

Conclusions: Not only was the guilt of Adam imputed to his children, but his children's children have inherited from the first parent his corrupt sin nature being flesh born of the flesh, wholly depraved, totally blind of understanding in spiritual things, off perverse appetites, their will opposed to the will of God and only prone

to evil, all their senses enslaved in the service of sin, without any ability in any measure to work their own spiritual salvation.

RESPONSE TO THE TRUTH

Even though sin entered into the lives of men through the sin of Adam and Eve, God has not changed His will concerning the CROWN of His creation MAN. God is in the process of restoring and proving man for that place of prominence and dominion in His creation - for this purpose Jesus came, to deliver man from the power and control of SIN AND SATAN. He came to destroy the works of the devil, Romans 8:29 says:

"For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren."

Therefore it behooves us, who have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus to take to heart what the Word says in Romans 12:1,2.

Romans 12:1-2, I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.