

LESSON II MAN AND HIS RELATIONSHIP TO GOD

- I. **CREATION - Man was created in God's Image - the literal Hebrew, "an exact duplication in kind."**
- A. **(Gen. 1:26-28)** Then God said, "Let Us make man in **our** image, according to **Our** likeness..." **Us is a tri-plural noun.** (The Trinity implied in the Old Testament.)
1. **(John 4:24)** God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.
 2. We are a spirit, we have a soul (mind, will and emotions) and we live in a physical body. The body is our "earth suit." **(I Thess. 5:23)**
 3. **(I Cor. 5:23-24)** For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him... Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.
 5. **(I Cor. 14:32-33 Amp.)** For the spirits of prophets (the speakers in tongues) are under the speaker's control (and subject to being silenced as may be necessary)...
- B. **(Original Intent) Man was created to dominate God's handiwork._**
1. **(Gen 1:26)** And God said, "Let Us make man in our image, according to our likeness, let them have dominion (authority) over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."
(Gen. 1:28) Then God blessed them and God said to them,, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."
 2. **Adam had a close personal relationship with God. (Gen. 3:8)**
And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day ...
 3. **Adam had the ability and responsibility to dominate. (Gen. 1:28)** God said...fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion...
 4. **God gave him the capabilities to dominate. (Gen. 2:19-20)** Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. So Adam gave names to all...
 5. **God gave man the desire to dominate.** That desire is still within man today.

II. RELATIONSHIP

A. **Severed when Adam disobeyed God**

1. **(Gen. 2:17)** But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die. (Lit. translation, “dying thou shalt die”)
2. **God had a plan to restore man back to His original intent.**
(Gen. 3:15) And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel. (God already had a plan to redeem man, through Jesus the head crusher.)
3. **Man’s relationship to God is cut off and he is spiritually dead.**
(Eph. 2:1) And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins. **(Romans 5:12)** Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned.

B. **Satan was defeated at the cross, but he is the god of the world system. There are only two Kingdoms: God’s Kingdom and the Kingdom of darkness. (Jesus was tempted by the devil in Luke 4:1-13.)**

1. **(Eph. 6:12)** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.
2. **(II Cor. 4:4)** ...whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe...
3. **(Eph. 2:1-2)** And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience...

C. **From Adam’s fall to the end of the Bible, the theme is man’s redemption.**

1. **Jesus beats the devil at his own game.**
 - a. **(Gen. 3:15)** And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her **Seed**. (The first prophecy in the Bible.)
 - b. **It is through the virgin birth that God became man**, one perfect person but two natures. The union of the two natures became the God-Man Christ Jesus. (Is. 7:14) ...Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.
 - c. **(I Cor. 2:7-8)** But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, **which none of the rulers of this age knew**; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.
 - d. **Jesus was without sin.**

- 1) **(I Peter 1:19)** But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.
 - 2) **(I Peter 2:22)** Who committed no sin, nor was guile found in His mouth.
 - 3) **(I John 3:5)** And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there was no sin.
2. **Redemption is based on Jesus' sinless, guiltless nature.**
- a. **(I Peter 3:18 Amp.)** For Christ, the Messiah, died for sins once for all, **the Righteous for the unrighteous, the Just for the unjust, the Innocent for the guilty**, that He might bring us to God... (This is the great exchange.)
 - b. **(II Cor. 5:21)** For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
 - c. **(Heb 2:14b)** ...that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death that is the devil.
3. **We are made righteous in the sight of God by faith and not by works.**
- a. **(Eph. 2:8)** For by grace you have been saved through faith and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, least anyone should boast.
 - b. **(Gal. 3:11)** ...the just shall live by faith.
 - c. **(Col. 1:13-14)** He has delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.
4. **Relationship is by faith.**
- a. **(I John 3:1-2)** Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us that we should be called **children of God!**
 - b. **(John 1:12)** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.
 - c. **(Heb. 10:19)** Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus.
 - d. **(Heb. 10:22)** Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith...

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