

WHAT IS MAN?

FROM THE SCRIPTURES – WHO AND WHAT WE ARE AND WHY DID GOD MAKE US?

Part 1: Humankind is a created being. (We did not evolve from lower life forms.) Note: when God created other life forms, He spoke to the earth (Genesis 1:11). When He created mankind, He spoke to himself! (Genesis 1:26)

1. “It is I who made the earth, and created man upon it. I stretched out the heavens with My hands and I ordained all their host.” Isaiah 45:12
2. “Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.” Genesis 2:7

“Your hands fashioned and made me altogether,
And would You destroy me?
Remember now, that You have made me as clay;
And would You turn me into dust again?
Did You not pour me out like milk
And curdle me like cheese;” Job 10:8-12

“I will say to God, ‘Do not condemn me;
Let me know why You contend with me.
‘Is it right for You indeed to oppress,
To reject the labor of Your hands,
And to look favorably on the schemes of the wicked?” Job 10:2-3

God creates people through natural birth:

“Did not He who made me in the womb make him,
And the same one fashion us in the womb?” Job 31:15

“I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well.” Psalm 139:14

3. God made man with two genders: male and female:

“But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female.” Mark 10:6

“And He answered and said, “Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning made them male and female,” Matthew 19:4

The woman was created to help ma.

“Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” Genesis 2:18

Man is to give glory to God and woman is to give glory to man.

“For a man ought not to have his head covered, since he is the image and glory of God; but the woman is the glory of man.” 1 Corinthians 11:7

God the Father glorifies Christ that He may give glory to the redeemed and they in turn give glory back to God, because of the love they share.

“The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.” John 17:22-24

4. Mankind was created to live on the surface of the earth and to seek God.

“And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us,” Acts 17:26, 27 ESV

5. Mankind is to receive glory and majesty and give glory to God.

“When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,
The moon and the stars, which You have ordained;
What is man that You take thought of him,
And the son of man that You care for him?
Yet You have made him a little lower than God,
And You crown him with glory and majesty!” Psalm 8:3-6

“Everyone who is called by My name,
And whom I have created for My glory,
Whom I have formed, even whom I have made.” Isaiah 43:7

6. Mankind is to rule over every living thing on earth.

“Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.” Genesis 1:26, 27

“Yet You have made him a little lower than God,
And You crown him with glory and majesty!
You make him to rule over the works of Your hands;
You have put all things under his feet,
All sheep and oxen,
And also the beasts of the field,” Psalm 8:5-8

“You have made him for a little while lower than the angels;
You have crowned him with glory and honor,
And have appointed him over the works of Your hands;” Hebrews 2:7

"I have made the earth, the men and the beasts which are on the face of the earth by My great power and by My outstretched arm, and I will give it to the one who is pleasing in My sight." Jeremiah 27:5

7. Mankind is to serve God's purposes:

"Your hands made me and fashioned me;
Give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments." Psalm 119:73

"The Lord has made everything for its own purpose,
Even the wicked for the day of evil." Proverbs 16:4

"But now, O Lord, You are our Father,
We are the clay, and You our potter;
And all of us are the work of Your hand." Isaiah 64:8

8. Mankind is made in the image and likeness of God.

"Whoever sheds man's blood,
By man his blood shall be shed,
For in the image of God
He made man." Genesis 9:6

"With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God;" James 3:9

"This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day when God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. He created them male and female, and He blessed them and named them Man in the day when they were created." Genesis 5:1-2

9. Man is a tri-part being: body, soul and spirit:

Spirit: H7307 רוּחַ rûach – wind The spirit is the piece of God within us that is in relationship with God. This is made alive and perfected when we are born again.

Soul: H5315 נֶפֶשׁ nephesh – breath The soul is the mind, will, and emotions where we think and feel.

Body: H1320 בָּשָׂר bāšâr – flesh, the physical vessel in which the soul and spirit reside, the interface between them and the physical world.

"The burden of the word of the Lord concerning Israel. Thus declares the Lord who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him," Zechariah 12:1

Mat_10:28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

The Soul is to bless God.

"Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!" Psalm 103:1

The soul is to wait on and hope in God.

“For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.” Psalm 62:5

The soul is to rejoice and exult in God.

“Then my soul will rejoice in the LORD, exulting in his salvation.” Psalm 35:9

“But no one says, ‘Where is God my Maker,
Who gives songs in the night,” Job 35:10

10. Mankind represents the mundane and the divine simultaneously.

“As is the earthy, so also are those who are earthy; and as is the heavenly, so also are those who are heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly.” 1 Corinthians 15:48-49

11. Mankind is to love God:

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.” Deuteronomy 6:5

“Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.” Psalm 33:18, 19

Because God loves us with a passionate, unfailing love:

“The Lord will accomplish what concerns me;
Your lovingkindness, O Lord, is everlasting;
Do not forsake the works of Your hands.” Psalm 138:8

This love glorifies God as explained above.

The spirit gives life to the body:

“If God should determine to do so, If He should gather to Himself [that is, withdraw from man] His [life-giving] spirit and His breath, All flesh would perish together, And man would return to dust.” Job 34:14-15 Amplified Bible (AMP)

“The Spirit of God has made me,
And the breath of the Almighty gives me life.” Job 33:4

“Thus says God the Lord,
Who created the heavens and stretched them out,
Who spread out the earth and its offspring,
Who gives breath to the people on it
And spirit to those who walk in it,” Isaiah 42:5

12. The duty of mankind: To fear (respect) God, obey Him in love and serve Him with all our being:

“Now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require from you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul,” Deuteronomy 10:12

“Only be very careful to observe the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, to love the Lord your God and walk in all His ways and keep His commandments and hold fast to Him and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul.” Joshua 22:5

Part of that service is to do justice:

“He has told you, O man, what is good;
And what does the Lord require of you
But to do justice, to love kindness,
And to walk humbly with your God?” Micah 6:8

Part of that service is manual labor so we may serve others:

Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more, and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.” 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

“Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.” Ephesians 4:28

Everything we do must be motivated by selfless love:

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13:34, 35 ESV

If we love the Lord and keep His commandments, He will give us Holy Spirit to dwell in us and Christ will not abandon us.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.” John 14:15-18 ESV

13. We are to rejoice before God our maker:

“And you shall rejoice before the LORD your God, you and your sons and your daughters, your male servants and your female servants, and the Levite that is within your towns, since he has no portion or inheritance with you.” Deuteronomy 12:12

“..And you shall rejoice before the LORD your God in all that you undertake.” Deuteronomy 12:18b

14. We will judge the nations and the angels.

"Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases? Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life!" I Corinthians 6:2, 3 ESV

Therefore we should begin by judging ourselves so that we may judge other correctly by the revelation of Holy Spirit.

FOR THE NEXT LESSON – THE FALL OF THE CHERUB, LUCIFER, AND THE FALL AND RISE OF MANKIND FROM SIN. BECAUSE LUCIFER REBELLED AGAINST GOD AND ABANDONED HIS ROLE LEADING THE WORSHIP OF GOD, GOD GAVE MANKIND A SAVIOR AND THE DUTY TO WORSHIP GOD.

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