

## 22 – MAN - PART 1

### I. The Origin of Man

- The immediate creation of man is the literal teaching of the scripture.

Scripture      Genesis 1:26-27 (ESV)

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” <sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

- Adam and Eve were created male and female.

Scripture      Matthew 19:4 (ESV)

He answered, “Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female,

- Eve was made directly by God.

Scripture      Genesis 2:21 (ESV)

So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.

- Man comes from and goes back to dust.

Scripture      Genesis 2:7 (ESV)

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.

Scripture      Genesis 3:19 (ESV)

By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

- Man becomes a living soul.

Scripture      Genesis 1:21 (ESV)

So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

- Scripture distinguishes between animal flesh and human flesh.

Scripture      1 Corinthians 15:39 (ESV)

For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish.

### II. The Original Character of Man

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### A. Not Physical Likeness of God

- God is a spirit and does not have parts like humans.
- Therefore, man is not the physical likeness of God.

### B. It was a Mental Likeness

- God is a spirit and the human soul is a spirit.
- The essential attributes of the spirit are reason, conscience and will.

### C. It was a Moral Likeness

- The likeness of God in man consists in both man's rational nature and in his moral conformity to God.

### D. It is a Social Likeness

- As God has a social nature, he endowed man with a social nature.
- Human love and social interest spring directly from this element in man's nature.