



Section 3: Concerning Man

Question 1: What is man?

Answer 1: Man is the special creation of God, set apart from all other creatures, being made in His image and after His likeness.

Memory Verse: **Genesis 1:27**
So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Support Verses: **Genesis 1:26**
And 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 fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Genesis 2:7
And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Psalms 8:4-6
4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?
5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.
6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all *things* under his feet:

Discussion Points:

1. Set apart as a special creation.
 - Man is the unique creation of God distinguished from all of God's other creation by being created in His image.
 - That means that God has created man with certain attributes or character traits that He possess, such as intellect, emotion, and will.
 - Man also possess a spirit, given to Him by God, that is able to commune or fellowship with God on the basis of these communicable attributes.
 - Man originally related to God as His son according to Luke 3:38, where Adam is called the son of God.
 - These are a very unique distinctions that point to the trichotomous nature of man that reflects a triune God.
 - We know that the Bible presents God as a complex triune being.
 - From the very beginning of scripture we see this foundation unfold for the presentation of God as triune in the word used to describe him... "Elohim."
 - This word that is used to introduce us to God is a plural word that literally means "gods, divine ones."



- That is not to be confused with a concept of plural deities, but rather a unique deity that is triune in nature and yet one in essence. Deuteronomy 6:4
- This distinct nature of God is then reflected in his special creation... Man, who is made as a triune being as well.
- Man is made as a body, soul, and spirit.
- Each part of man having a direct correspondence to the tri-part distinctions of the Godhead.

God the Father > soul of Man > relative to our relationship with God ("son"/originally and restored in Christ)
John 1:12; Hebrews 10:39

God the Son > body of Man > relative to our physical nature (God became flesh/ we await the redemption)
John 1:14; Ephesians 1:14; Romans 8:23

God the Holy Spirit > spirit of Man > relative to our fellowship with God (originally and quickened in Christ)
Ephesians 2:1; Romans 8:16

2. Set apart for a purpose.

- Man was given dominion over all of God's creation.
- Man was created to be God's glory bearer before all of His creation.
- That responsibility was lost in Adam because of sin, and is restored in Christ as a result of salvation. 1 Peter 2:9

Notes:

Psalms, Hymns, Spiritual Songs:

- "How Great Thou Art" (Hymn - #28 - Rejoice Hymns)
- "Doxology" (Chorus - #14 - Rejoice Hymns)