

2024/25 Sunday school Year - Lesson 14



MAN, GOD'S UNIQUE CREATURE

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TEXT: EZEKIEL 18:4-9

Memory Verse: 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 – **Genesis 2:7**



OUTLINES

- INTRODUCTION & TEXT REVIEW
- GOD'S IMAGE
- THE TRIPARTITE MAN
- CONCLUSION

INTRODUCTION & TEXT REVIEW

- God created the intangible being (soul), fashioned similar to the Godhead with divine nature and ability - **Genesis 1:26-27**
- However, the soul, on its own, could not handle or use the things in the physical world because he was intangible
- The soul therefore required a container (physical body) through which he could operate and relate with the physical world - **Genesis 2:7a**
- The man - now body and soul, was inactive until God breathed life into his nostrils, and man became a living soul - **Genesis 2:7; Job 33:4**
- **TEXT REVIEW: EZEKIEL 18:4-9**

GOD'S IMAGE

God's image upon man before the fall consists of these three things:

1. **In the divine nature and constitution** of the soul (Not those of his body, for God has no physical body). The soul bears God's image, the soul is an intelligent, immortal, intangible being. Man resembles God in creativity and willpower
2. **In the positioning of mankind** as head of all other creations in position and authority. Man is God's representative on earth in authority and dominion
3. **In his purity and integrity** - God's image upon man consists in knowledge, righteousness, and true holiness (**Col. 3:10**), Man was made upright (**Eccl. 7:29**), He understood divine things clearly and there was no error in his knowledge (**Gen. 2:19**), His will complied readily and universally with the will of God, without resistance. He had no inordinate appetite or passion, His thoughts had no vanity

For Discussion

**Spirit, Soul or Body -
which is most
important and why?**

THE TRIPARTITE MAN

- Man is a tripartite being – spirit, soul, and body - **I Thess. 5:23** - all quite important
 - The **spirit of man** - the breath that God released into the man he formed to make him alive - **Gen. 2:7** - The spirit (breath) returns to God the giver when he dies - **Eccl. 12:7**
 - The **soul of man** is an intangible being
 - Gives man personality, self-awareness, consciousness, rationality
 - The soul receives salvation - **Mark 8:36; Psalm 19:7a** - The regenerated soul of man will be guided by the spirit to worship God acceptably - **John 4:24**
 - The soul that will stand in judgement - **Heb. 9:27; 2 Cor. 5:10.**
 - The two possible destinations for the soul - Heaven or Hell - **Dan. 12:2; Ezek. 18:4c.**

THE TRIPARTITE MAN

- The **human body** is the physical being made from clay (**Gen. 3:19**)
 - It is temporal, we move around with the body to propagate God's kingdom here on earth
 - It becomes lifeless when the spirit (breath) is no longer active
 - It helps the soul to relate physically with the world
 - The body gets tired and sleepy
 - When man dies, the body decays in the ground - **Gen. 3:19; Eccl. 3:20**

CONCLUSION

- The three dimensions of man are all important, however, it must be noted that it is the soul that will stand in judgement