

X. Anthropology-The doctrine of Man

1. Creation: Gen. 1:27, “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”
 - a. Why? For his glory. Isa 43:7, “everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”
 - b. In God’s image- Gen. 1:26, “Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness...”
 - 1) Intellect
 - 2) Moral
 - 3) Emotions
 - 4) Volition
 - 5) Spiritual
 - 6) Immortality
 - 7) Dominion
 - 8) Creative
 - c. The Fall, what happened?
 - 1) The image is marred, but still exists. James 3: 9, “With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God’s likeness.”
 - 2) A great degree of lost in every area. Eccl 7:29, “This only have I found: God made mankind upright, but men have gone in search of many schemes.”
 - d. Once we are saved, the direction is reversed. Col. 3:10, “and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.”
 - e. At his return, we will become like him. I Jn 3:2, “Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.”

2. The Essential Element of Man:

a. Definition: How is a man put together? Body, Soul, and Spirit?

b. Trichotomy view:

- 1) Body, soul, spirit.
- 2) Only the spirit survives in death with the element of reason, will and conscience. In addition of its spiritual and eternal nature.
- 3) Gen. 2:7, “the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.”
- 4) I Thess 5:23, “May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
- 5) Heb 4:12, “For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”

c. Dichotomy view: Basically the soul and spirit is interchangeable.

- 1) Interchangeable.
- 2) Soul is ascribed to Jehovah. Isa 53:11, “After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied.”
- 3) To lose the soul is to lose it all. Mark 8:36,37, “What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?”

3. The Fall of Man.

a. What happened? Gen. 3:6

- 1) Listening to slander against God.
- 2) Doubting his word and love.
- 3) Looking at what God had forbidden.
- 4) Lusting for what God had prohibited.
- 5) Disobeying God’s command.

b. The immediate effects of sin.

- 1) A sense of shame.
- 2) The covering of fig leaves.
- 3) A feeling of fear.
- 4) An attempt at concealment.
- 5) An effort at self vindication.
- 6) The shifting of blame.

c. The Fourfold judgment: Gen. 3

- 1) Upon the serpent. The curse of degradation. Micah 7:17, "They will lick dust like a snake, like creatures that crawl on the ground. They will come trembling out of their dens; they will turn in fear to the LORD our God and will be afraid of you."
- 2) Upon the woman. The judgment of pain in birth and subjection to man. Jn 16:21, "A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come..."
- 3) Upon the man. The judgment of sorrow and toil. Eccl. 2: 22, 23, "What does a man get for all the toil and anxious striving with which he labors under the sun?"
- 4) Upon the ground. Isa 55:13, "Instead of the thorn bush will grow the pine tree, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow."

d. The Threefold separations:

- 1) From the tree of life.
- 2) From the Garden of Eden. Gen. 3:24, "After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life."
- 3) From personal and visible presence of God.

e. The threefold death:

- 1) Physical death. The separation from soul/spirit from body. I Cor. 15:21, "For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man."
- 2) Spiritual death. The separation of soul/spirit from God. Rom 8:13, "For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live."
- 3) Eternal death. II Thess 1:9, "They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power."