

# IX. Of the Creation of Man

I hold as true that man was created directly by and in the similitude of LORD God. Man was created without iniquity and without the knowledge of good and evil. In creating man, the LORD God made man like unto Himself in five distinct aspects. Man is a tri-unity of parts consisting of a soul, spirit, and body. Man was granted the innate ability to judge. Man was granted free-will to operate within the parameters of his given existence. Man is creative, being able to bring forth out of that which exists. Man was endued with the moral imperatives of mercy, compassion, forgiveness, grace, love, judgment, and righteousness. Thus, man is the pinnacle of the LORD's creation.

Regardless of the fall, and the fact that man became a creature of iniquity, all men are still endued with these attributes. Thus, every individual is responsible for their thoughts, words, and subsequent actions. Every individual is expected to exercise control over themselves and utilize these attributes to reason through and identify truth. Man is expected to exercise discernment and judgment, particularly regarding his own thoughts, words and behavior. Every individual is responsible for obedience to the truth regarding their existence. Therefore, the requirement to repent and believe the gospel is levied upon all. Failure to comply ensures the individual remains under condemnation.

## References

*Genesis 1:26-29; Genesis 2:7; I Thessalonians 5:23; Genesis 2:21-23; Genesis 9:5-6; James 3:9; Genesis 2:18-20; I Timothy 2:12-13; Proverbs 1:1-4; Proverbs 1:28-30; Deuteronomy 12:8; II Chronicles 26:14-15; Proverbs 8:12; Ecclesiastes 7:29; Psalms 37:21; Proverbs 14:21; Exodus 2:6; Matthew 18:35; Genesis 33:8; Genesis 33:10; Exodus 21:5-6; Leviticus 19:18; Leviticus 19:34; Genesis 2:15-17; Leviticus 19:35-36;*

*Deuteronomy 1:17; Deuteronomy 24:17-18; Matthew 12:36-37; Jeremiah 22:1-3; Proverbs 14:34; Proverbs 21:21; Revelation 21:3; Revelation 4:9-11; Luke 13:1-5; Romans 2:3-16*

## **Scriptures**

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. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. (*Genesis 1:26-29*)

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*)

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (*I Thessalonians 5:23*)

And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. (*Genesis 2:21-23*)

And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man. (*Genesis 9:5-6*)

Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. (*James 3:9*)

And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. (*Genesis 2:18-20*)

But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. (*I Timothy 2:12-13*)

The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel; to know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; to receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity; to give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion. (*Proverbs 1:1-4*)

Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. (*Proverbs 1:28-30*)

Ye shall not do after all the things that we do here this day, every man whatsoever is right in his own eyes. (*Deuteronomy 12:8*)

And Uzziah prepared for them throughout all the host shields, and spears, and helmets, and habergeons, and bows, and slings to cast stones. And he made in Jerusalem engines, invented by cunning men, to be on the towers and upon the bulwarks, to shoot arrows and great stones withal. And his name spread far abroad; for he was marvellously helped, till he was strong. (*II Chronicles 26:14-15*)

I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions. (*Proverbs 8:12*)

Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions. (*Ecclesiastes 7:29*)

The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth. (*Psalms 37:21*)

He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth: but he that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he. (*Proverbs 14:21*)

And when she had opened it, she saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This is one of the Hebrews' children. (*Exodus 2:6*)

So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses. (*Matthew 18:35*)

And he said, What meanest thou by all this drove which I met? And he said, These are to find grace in the sight of my lord. (*Genesis 33:8*)

And Jacob said, Nay, I pray thee, if now I have found grace in thy sight, then receive my present at my hand: for therefore I have seen thy face, as though I had seen the face of God, and thou wast pleased with me. (*Genesis 33:10*)

And if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free: Then his master shall bring him unto the judges; he shall also bring him to

the door, or unto the door post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an aul; and he shall serve him for ever. (*Exodus 21:5-6*)

Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the LORD. (*Leviticus 19:18*)

But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God. (*Leviticus 19:34*)

And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. (*Genesis 2:15-17*)

Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in meteyard, in weight, or in measure. Just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin, shall ye have: I am the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt. (*Leviticus 19:35-36*)

Ye shall not respect persons in judgment; but ye shall hear the small as well as the great; ye shall not be afraid of the face of man; for the judgment is God's: and the cause that is too hard for you, bring it unto me, and I will hear it. (*Deuteronomy 1:17*)

Thou shalt not pervert the judgment of the stranger, nor of the fatherless; nor take a widow's raiment to pledge: But thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt, and the LORD thy God redeemed thee thence: therefore I command thee to do this thing. (*Deuteronomy 24:17-18*)

But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak,

they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned. (*Matthew 12:36-37*)

Thus saith the LORD; Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word, And say, Hear the word of the LORD, O king of Judah, that sittest upon the throne of David, thou, and thy servants, and thy people that enter in by these gates: Thus saith the LORD; Execute ye judgment and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, nor the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place. (*Jeremiah 22:1-3*)

Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people. (*Proverbs 14:34*)

He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour. (*Proverbs 21:21*)

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. (*Revelation 21:3*)

And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. (*Revelation 4:9-11*)

There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay: but,

except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. (*Luke 13:1-5*)

And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God? Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; Who will render to every man according to his deeds: To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile; But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile: For there is no respect of persons with God. For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law; (For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified. For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;) In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel. (*Romans 2:3-16*)