

# What is man?

created  
corrupted  
redeemed  
regenerated  
resurrected

To the choirmaster: according to The Gittith. A Psalm of David.

- <sup>1</sup> O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.
- <sup>2</sup> Out of the mouth of babies and infants,  
you have established strength because of your foes,  
to still the enemy and the avenger.
- <sup>3</sup> When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
- <sup>4</sup> what is man that you are mindful of him,  
and the son of man that you care for him?
- <sup>5</sup> Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings  
and crowned him with glory and honor.
- <sup>6</sup> You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under his feet,
- <sup>7</sup> all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,
- <sup>8</sup> the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
- <sup>9</sup> O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! (ESV)

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*Man* is generally used in this study as a synonym for mankind, all human beings (male and female).

What does society around you have to say about...

...where man came from?

...who man is?

...what man's purpose is?

...what man's future is?

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Let's look at man's origin.

**<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.**

**<sup>28</sup> And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." <sup>29</sup> And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup> And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. (ESV)**

Where did man come from?

Who is man?

What is man's purpose?

**<sup>7</sup> then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. <sup>8</sup> And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. <sup>9</sup> And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.**

**<sup>15</sup> The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."**

**<sup>18</sup> Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." <sup>19</sup> Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field**

and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
she shall be called Woman,  
because she was taken out of Man.”

<sup>24</sup>Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup>And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed. (ESV)

Where did man come from?

What makes man who he is?

What is man's relationship with God?

What is the relationship between male and female?

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How do some of society's views of man (and maybe some of our own) clash with the Bible's view?

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