



Lesson #5: What is Man? (Hebrews 2:6)

“*What is man?*” (Hebrews 2:6) God provides His answer to that question in the context of Hebrews chapter 2. Here is a text that gives us answers to some of life’s most pressing questions:

... “Where did we come from?”

... “Why are we _____?”

... “Where are we _____?”

It’s very important that you answer this question and that you answer it _____ way. In answering this question you are going to impact how you live your life.

F.B. Meyer, a contemporary and friend of D.L. Moody, outlined Hebrews 2:5-10 this way as he sought to answer this question:

1. **Man as _____ Made Him (2:7a)**
2. **Man as _____ Impacted Him (2:7b)**
3. **Man as _____ Can Make Him (2:20)**

This evening we are going to use portions of that outline and embellish on it a bit as we seek to answer, “*What is man?*”

YOU MUST UNDERSTAND THE _____ OF MAN AS HE WAS CREATED

The author of Hebrews quotes from the OT _____ and alludes to the OT some _____ x. Here in Hebrews 2:6-8 he is quoting from Psalm 8 and affirming two great certainties.

A. God created man to enjoy _____ with his creator

Two little phrases stand out in Psalm 8:4.

- “*What is man, that thou art _____ of him?*”
- “*That thou _____ him?*”

What an awesome thought that God _____ about us and takes time for us because He _____ us.

B. God created man to enjoy _____ over all creation

Man was not created to be a _____, man was created to be a _____. Man was not created to cower before creation but to be the _____ of all creation.

YOU MUST UNDERSTAND THE _____ OF MAN AS HE WAS CORRUPTED

The crown of creation was spoiled. The scepter slipped and subtle Satan stole man’s sovereignty.

A. **Man was corrupted by the _____ of _____**
Satan first divided man from God by fostering doubt in his mind. He caused man to doubt the provision of God, the love of God, the person of God and even the very _____ of God. This doubt caused Eve’s heart to be separated from her Creator and after her Adam also.

B. **Man was corrupted by the deceiver’s _____**
Sin has now forever impacted man. 1 John 5:19 says that “the whole world lieth in the _____ one.” _____ is a person of dominion today. He has rulership. Jesus would affirm this when he said in John 12:31 that Satan is the “prince of the world.”

YOU MUST UNDERSTAND THE _____ OF MAN AS HE IS COMMISSIONED

Hebrews 9-10 share the wonderful story of the heavenly rescue mission.

A. **Our salvation required an _____**
Jesus came to earth as the incarnate son of God (Hebrews 2:14; Philippians 2:7; 1 John 1:14; 1 Timothy 3:16).

“My Savior stooped to come to earth in great humility.

Though one with God, he took the form of frail _____.”

B. **Our salvation required a _____**
The incarnatoin was folloed by that next necessary step outlined for us in this passage – “for the suffering of _____” (2:9). In His standard of justice ogd has established that all are guilty. Because of your guilt and my guilt before a holy God there is only one destiny to be expected. Praise God we read in this passage of the crucifixion. God, who is just, sends His Son to take upon Him the _____ of the world.

C. **Our salvation included an _____**
Our rescue from sin included an exalation into the heavens. How do we know that man can be restored to his rightful place? How do we know that man can retain that vice regency that was lost? We see him _____ (2:9-10).

Concluding Thoughts

Sometimes we go through life without answering the important qesitons that follow up this one. Questions like, “Where are we going? What are we doing? Why are we here?” Without an answer to that question we are like the business that closed shop and put up a sign that read, “Gone out of business. Didn’t know what our business was.” So, “WHAT IS MAN?” In answering that question you are going to impact how you live life. In fact, in answering that question you will impact how you spend _____.