

Week 2 – Who Is Man?

Remember last week we talked about who God is? I am glad that we started by discussing who God is because having a proper understanding of who God is then allows us to have a correct understanding of who man is. Without a proper understanding of who God is, as our Creator, it is impossible to have a proper biblical understanding of who man is. In Genesis it says, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness”. Because God created us, it makes sense that we need to think biblically about who man is. The biblical viewpoint of man places us higher than all of God’s other creative work (meaning we did not evolve from apes!).

When we think biblically about who we are and why we have been placed here we realize that God views each one of us as very special and greatly loved by Him. If we have an improper understanding of God then we might view man more importantly than we should, that is to say in a prideful way. Or the opposite might be true where we think of man less importantly than we should, that is to say no more special to God than the animals.

The main thing to take away from this lesson is that because man, and only man, has been created in God’s own image we are therefore the only ones created by God that can possibly have a relationship with Him

Next week we will talk about man’s sin and the consequence it has for each one of us.

Discussion Questions:

1. Does anyone have any questions about today’s lesson?
2. Why is important to understand that we are made in God’s image? (answer: because this means that we can have a relationship with God and get to know him. The animals are unable to do this.)
3. Why is it important to have a correct understanding of God before we can obtain a correct understanding of who man is? (answer: knowing God and why He created us allows us to know how important and loved we are by Him)