

What Is Man?

Psalm 8; Heb. 2:6-8

Introduction:

- A. Asked often by philosophers - variously answered.
- B. Asked several times in Bible - usually rhetorically. (cf. Job 7:17; Psa. 8:4; 144:3).
- C. Answered in Bible - note five characteristics of man taught Bible.

Discussion:

I. A Creature Of God. (Gen. 1:27; 2:18-25)

- A. Rather than product of evolution.
- B. Or else Bible, God, Christianity a hoax.

II. A Dual Creature. (Eccl. 12:7).

- A. Body and spirit or soul separate entities.
 - 1. Body without spirit is dead. (Jas. 2:26).
 - 2. Soul survives death of body. (Matt. 10:28)
- B. Body and spirit to glorify God. (1 Cor. 6:20; Cf. 2 Cor. 7:1; 1 Thess. 5:23).

III. A Dependent Creature.

- A. Totally dependent on God for:
 - 1. Spiritual guidance. (Rom. 10:1-3; Jer. 10:23; Psa. 119:105).
 - 2. Spiritual blessings. (Jas. 1:17; Eph. 1:3).
 - 3. Temporal existence and blessings. (Mt. 5:45; Acts 14:17; 17:28).
- B. Somewhat dependent on fellow man. (Gen. 2:18; Acts 2:44; Heb. 3:13; 10:24, 25; 1 Thess. 4:18)

IV. A Free-Willed Creature. (cf. Josh. 24:15; Heb. 11:25)

- A. Can choose to be Christian or not. (Rev. 22:17; Mk. 16:16; John 3:16; 12:48).
- B. Cannot choose if Calvinistic TULIP is true.

V. A Destined Creature.

- A. To death (Heb. 9:27)
 - 1. As result of Adam's sin.
 - 2. Gain for Christians. (Phil. 1:21-26).
- B. To judgment (Heb. 9:27; 2 Cor. 5:10).
- C. To heaven or hell.
 - 1. Can live for heaven. (John 14:1-3; Mt. 7:21).
 - 2. Can live for hell. (Matt. 25:41)
 - 3. No other choices. (John 5:29; Mt. 25:32,33,46).

Conclusion:

- A. What is man? (Summarize points).
- B. What is your final destiny? You can choose it.