

- I. **INTRO** (Biblical Anthropology: Creation, Providence, man as created, man as sinner).
- A. **How is man’s creation unique?** 1) Made after consultation within the Godhead, 2) Made by a direct work of God, 3) Made body and soul, earthy and spiritual, 4) Made as the crown of God’s creation.
  - B. **What is the image of God?** Answer: A reflection of some of God’s perfections, a creaturely resemblance.
  - C. **Is rationality the image of God?** Explain. Answer: No, it is man’s capacity to be an image bearer.
    - 1. **Is there a difference btw image and likeness?** No. The Bible uses the terms interchangeably.
    - 2. **What is Rome’s view?** The image is rationality and freewill; the likeness is an extra gift of holiness.
    - 3. **What are the three aspects of the image of God?** Knowledge, Righteousness and Holiness.
- II. **ADAM’S RELATION TO GOD**
- A. **Adam was created in a covenant relationship**
    - 1. **The covenant is a bond of friendship with God**
      - a. The covenant consists of knowing and serving God in love. What is the covenant formula? (“I will be your God and ye will be my people”).
      - b. It was with a view to the covenant that God made man as a an image bearer (rational, moral creature) and in His image – Adam knew God, Adam was devoted to God (holy), Adam’s whole being was in conformity to the will of God (righteous)
      - c. We see this relationship as Adam walking with God, a walking which is ruined by the fall (Gen. 3:8, 5:22, 6:9).
    - 2. **But the friendship is not btw equals. Always God remains God, and always Adam remains creature.**
      - a. Adam had a calling to serve God. Adam had to work for God. Work is not a curse in itself. Adam had three *positive* commandments, “be fruitful and multiply” (1:28), “subdue the earth and have dominion over [it]” (1:28), and “dress the garden and keep it” (2:15).
      - b. This meant that Adam was God’s officebearer in the creation – Adam had a role, an official position under God as head of the earthly creation, as prophet, priest and king. He was to use the creation, seek out its secrets and use everything in the creation to serve God.
      - c. With this calling, which was not drudgery, but a great privilege, Adam had blessings: he enjoyed life with God, he enjoyed fellowship with Eve and he could eat all the fruits (incl. the tree of life, 1:29-30, 2:16).
      - d. But, Adam also had a *negative* calling: he had to show his love also by not disobeying God, so God gave one command, 3:17 with a warning of the consequences for disobedience.
  - B. **This covenant relationship was NOT a covenant of works**
    - 1. **The CofW is the teaching that shortly after the creation God entered into a covenant with man.**
      - a. This covenant of works is not so much a bond of friendship but a conditional agreement or bargain.
      - b. The elements of an agreement are 1) Two contracting parties (God and man), 2) The statement of conditions (here, perfect obedience is the condition), 3) The promise of a reward for fulfilling the conditions (here, everlasting life is the promised reward), 4) The penalty for disobedience (death).
      - c. The view is simply this: God put Adam on probation by giving him a command. If he obeys, he merits everlasting life for himself and all mankind; if he disobeys he incurs death and brings death on all mankind.
    - 2. **We reject the CofW**
      - a. First, Gen. 2:16-17 cannot bear the weight put upon it. 1) In those verses nothing is said about an agreement (it is a commandment, sovereignly given by God) 2) In those verses nothing is said about a reward for obedience (“Thou shalt surely die,” is the penalty for disobedience, but all one can infer from that is, that if you do not disobey, you will not die. You will continue to live).
      - b. Second, the idea that Adam could merit everlasting life for himself and his posterity simply by not eating a piece of fruit is false. Man, as a mere creature, cannot merit. To merit one would have to go beyond Luke 17:10.
      - c. Third, Christ came to do what Adam could never have done. I Cor. 15:45-47. 1) Adam was of the earth, earthy. Therefore, he could never have attained to the heavenly. Even if he had lived perfectly he would never have been able to enjoy heavenly life. He would simply have lived on paradise earth To elevate us

to heaven, it required the Lord of heaven to merit for us eternal life of body and soul. 2) If Adam could have done by not eating what Christ did by His incarnation, life, death and resurrection it seems all pointless. Fact is, God always had the second Adam in mind. Adam had to fail to make way for Christ.

### III. ADAM'S RELATIONSHIP TO EVE

#### A. God made man male and female (Gen. 1:27, Matt. 19:4)

##### 1. After God made Adam, He declared that it was not good for Adam (the man) to be alone (Gen. 2:18)

- a. Therefore, God first caused Adam to realize his need for a partner, one suited to him; he brought to him all the animals but "there was not found an help meet for him" (2:20)
- b. Then, God put Adam to sleep, removed a rib from Adam and made (lit. "built") a woman (Q: Do men have one rib less than women?).

##### 2. God brought Eve to Adam (Gen. 2:22)

- a. The truth is that God brings to every man his wife in His Providence; God has instituted marriage: we see its main purposes, 1) Companionship. It is to be a bond of fellowship, a covenant relationship (not an agreement). We see that in the words "cleave" (2:24) and "one flesh" (2:24). It is the closest earthly relationship between humans, closer even than the parent-child relationship. 2) Bringing forth children (Gen. 1:27; Mal. 2:14-16), 3) The avoidance of fornication (I Cor. 7:2). Sexual relationships outside of marriage are sin, are fornication.
- b. Therefore, marriage is NOT a human invention and man cannot do with it as he will.
- c. Notice, too, that the authority in the marriage is the man 1) He is the head. To him comes the command in 2:17, 2) Adam was formed first, then Eve (I Tim. 2:13), 3) Adam names Eve, his wife.

#### B. Divorce and remarriage

##### 1. God designed marriage to be a one flesh union for life.

- a. The commandment of God is that a man "shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife and they shall be one flesh" (Gen. 2:24). Jesus reaffirms that teaching in Matt. 19:4-6.
- b. Marriage ends, therefore, only when one or both of the marriage partners dies. That is, physical death.
- c. Marriage does not end when a man's love for his wife grows cold or a man sees a prettier girl or a man sues for divorce. In the eyes of God, two people who are married are married until death.
- d. Marriage for Christians must be *in the Lord* (I Cor. 7:39).

##### 2. There is only one ground for divorce and no ground for remarriage while one's spouse still lives.

- a. That is the teaching of Jesus Christ in Matt. 5:32, 19:9, Mark 10:11-12, Luke 16:18, Rom. 7:2-3, I Cor. 7:11, 39.
- b. Only the act of sexual unfaithfulness can violate the marriage so that divorce is permitted. Incompatibility, financial reasons, loss of interest, emotional or physical abuse, shift in priorities, failed expectations, etc are NOT reasons for divorce. Q: If a spouse is abusive and even threatens the children, what can be done?
- c. To be married to another while one's original spouse is living is adultery (ongoing adultery). Christ demands repentance: repentance means you must end the adulterous relationship even if it is a second, third, fourth marriage. See Matt. 14:3 (John the Baptist) and see esp. Matt. 19:10 (and Jesus' response).

### IV. ADAM'S RELATION TO MANKIND AND THE CREATION

#### A. Adam was the king of the creation and was the head of mankind

1. Adam was not simply a highly evolved ape: he is superior to all the animals. The animals exist for his benefit.
2. He was the organic head, the source of life. All of mankind can be traced back to Adam and Eve. God did to make different races of men at separate times and places, but one human couple (Gen. 3:20, Acts 17:26).
3. Therefore, human beings are all related to one another. This is the end of racism. Darwinism is inherently racist: one race is a higher evolution than another (modern Darwinians downplay this); the church has been guilty of racism but the Bible is not racist.

#### B. Adam was the legal representative (federal head) of all mankind

1. Eve was not; Adam was: therefore the devil sought to come to Adam via Eve. Adam did not volunteer to be the head; God made him the head. His actions had consequences for himself and for all he represented.
2. Because Adam was the legal head, he acted on our behalf when he disobeyed. We sinned *in him*. Romans 5:12, 19. But we cannot complain b/c he was the perfect representative (God's righteous friend-servant).