

Lesson 10

4.2. The creation of man.

- In ⇒ **Genesis 1:26~27**, the Bible tells us about the creation of man; such a simple way that we might even miss the greatness of this act. We've already talked about the plural of 'Let us make...', where we can see the Tri-Unity of God at work in forming man.
- Now we will see in ⇒ **Genesis 2:7**, the Bible details what happened in ⇒ **Genesis 1:26**. The Bible uses this form a lot when it comes to major events, i.e. it first gives general information and then goes on to describe the event in more detail. One might think that these are separate events, but they are not.
⇒ **Genesis 1:26** and ⇒ **Genesis 2:7** show the creation of the first man.
- ⇒ **Genesis 2:7**; this verse contains the parts, so to speak, of which man is composed:
Spirit - Soul - Body
- Man is different and superior to all the other creatures that God created. We can say this because the Bible tells us that no other creature was created in the image and likeness of God. We will also see that no other creature was created in the way described in ⇒ **Genesis 2:7**.
- The Bible shows us that angels were created spirits; they were made spirits by creation, by composition. God made the angels spirits.
⇒ **Hebrew 1:7** and **14**
⇒ **Psalms 104:4**
- ⇒ **Genesis 2:7**; says about the creation of man:
⇒ **Body**
 - '*And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground*'; what part is he referring to? The body. God took the dust of the earth and formed a body. But this body was not a man, it was an earthen doll.
- ⇒ **Spirit**
 - But the verse continues: '*and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life*.' If God hadn't breathed, that dust doll would still be there today. God took that doll and blew something into it from within Himself, (*we know and understand that a breath comes from within the one who blows*). When God blew, that doll received life, a life that came from within God himself.
 - When God was blowing, he was putting his own life into that earth doll. The word breath in Hebrew is the same word used for spirit.
⇒ '**neshamah**'; wind, vital breath, divine inspiration, spirit.
 - So, when God breathed, he was putting something of himself into man. Jesus said:
⇒ **John 4:24**; *God is Spirit*.
 - The angels weren't created that way; God didn't blow on the angels; he made them spirits. At the creation of the angels, God said: let there be an angel and there was an angel. Do you see the difference? Angels are spirits by creation, while man has his spirit by inspiration from God. God shared his Spirit, his life, with man.

⇒ Soul

- We see at the end of ⇒ **Genesis 2:7**; '*and man became a living being.*'
When the Spirit of God touched that earth doll, life was manifested in man. What manifests life in man is our soul, our personality. God breathed into our nostrils the Spirit who would bring life into our soul and body. Life in the spirit comes directly from God.
- The example of the light bulb: unlit, it's useless. When energy touches the light bulb, it manifests. Nobody can see the energy, but for the light bulb to be lit, to manifest, there has to be energy. That's exactly what happened with that doll.
- When the life of God touched that body, man became a person, a living soul. We have to know very well who we are; it's surprising that most people, including many converts, don't know that we are a trichotomy. We learned, because the world teaches us so that we are a dichotomy, body and soul, with the soul being our spiritual part. That's not it, soul and spirit are different things.
- Let's take a look at the Bible's description of spirit, soul and body:
 - ⇒ **I Thessalonians 5:23**; *spirit and soul and body*. We also can even see the word 'and' between the words.
 - ⇒ **Hebrews 4:12**; '*piercing even to the division of soul and spirit*', two different things. Only the Word of God is capable of dividing soul from spirit.
 - ⇒ **Luke 1:46**; Mary, moved by the Holy Spirit, speaks to my soul and spirit.
 - '*My soul magnifies the Lord*', verb in the present.
 - '*And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior*', with the verb in the past is the correct. We'll see why below.
- We will now see body, soul and spirit in the human person of Jesus Christ:
 - ⇒ **Matthew 26:12**; '*on my body...*'
 - ⇒ **Matthew 26:38**; '*My soul is exceeding sorrowful*', sorrowful is an emotion. We'll see that emotions are attributes of the soul.
 - ⇒ **Matthew 27:50**; '*and yielded up His spirit.*'
- God shared His Spirit with man, His very life. The spirit of that first man was God's life in him. When life touched the body, the man received his personality and could then manifest himself on earth.
- It is through our soul that we manifest ourselves on earth, that we can have communion (*things in common*), communication with our fellow human beings. When I look at someone's body, I can't say that I know that person, because their essence is not their body, but their spirit and their soul. I only really know a person when I live with them, when I know their soul, that is, how they manifest themselves. I really know a person when I know their emotions, their intellect, their will, and these attributes are of the soul. The manifestation of what a person is like comes through their soul, through their personality.

- Now, in the spirit, that's where we have communion with God. Man was created in the image and likeness of God, and this is because we have a spirit coming directly by inspiration from God. But God gave man a body, because he had created a physical planet to be governed; man was made to be God's reflection on earth. Man could have everything in common with God, because he had a spirit. He could understand God perfectly, because the spirit was placed in him for that purpose; it is in the spirit and only in the spirit that we understand the things of God.

⇒ **I Corinthians 2:12~15**

- We can't understand the things of God in our intellect, in our soul, it's impossible. That's why a person without Jesus, without a new spirit (*without being born again*), doesn't understand the things of God, for him these things are foolishness.
- When we understand this, we understand even more Satan's fury towards the human race. God wanted to share his throne with man, man was created to be a replica of God here on earth.

⇒ **Psalms 8;** *'And You have crowned him with glory and honor ... You have put all thing under his feet ... to have dominion over the works of Your hands.'* This was man's condition when he was created.

- With the spirit I know God (*God-consciousness*); with my soul I know my intellect, emotions, will, decision-making center (*self-consciousness, the ego*); with the body I know the physical world, the material world. We'll study each part separately and the interaction between them in more detail. We can say that these parts together form an 'organism', interacting with each other constantly.