

The Making of Man

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Genesis 2:4-17.

B. When man appears, God appears under a different name--Jehovah--to demonstrate that He has a relationship with man and keeps His promises.

C. The creation of man is linked with the third day and the sixth day is a recapitulation of this day suggesting that the meaning of the days may not be 24-hour days.

D. There were different conditions upon the earth than there is now.

II. The makeup of man.

A. The body made of the dust of the earth.

1. Man is more than a body.
2. He is soul as well as body.
3. The functions of both are wonderfully linked.
4. In the forming of man, God made the soul and the body together.
5. The soul of man returns to God--the part that has been saved.

B. The spirit is regenerate, but the soul is saved.

C. When Adam was made he was alive like a light bulb.

D. The garden is placed in the land of Eden.

1. This was not a mythical land.
2. The rivers of Eden can still be identified.
3. The attractiveness of powerful drugs today supports the temptation of Eve.

III. The tree of life. It had power to convey immortality and was a symbol of Jesus Christ, consequently.

IV. The tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A. The devil baits his trap with truth--the fruit from this tree would give knowledge of good and evil.

B. That which is consistent with God's nature is good and that which is inconsistent with it is evil--God knows good and evil by relating it to Himself, but He is the only one with this ability.

1. Man cannot be the center of the universe like God.
2. The lie that Satan propagated was that man was the center of the universe.
3. God brings this all back into balance, when the believer crowns Jesus Christ king of his life.

Application questions:

1. How would you describe the makeup of man?

2. How does the belief that man is center of the universe manifest itself among people today? What are some specific examples?

3. Why is it important that man remove himself from his "throne" in order to have a relationship with God? Explain.
