

GOD'S FIRST MAN

Genesis 1:26-31

Introduction: Six questions: Who is responsible for such vast differences in the qualities of men's lives? In what respect did God's first man resemble God? Would man accept God's limitations and live within God's will? Did God make man so that he could choose to live within God's will and be totally satisfied with that decision? Did God place anything within Adam's environment to influence Adam's decision to be obedient? As sovereign ruler himself, would man choose to continue to live within the circle of God's will? These questions lead us into the thoughts about God and the first man's fellowship.

I. ADAM WAS CREATED BY GOD

1. God already existed. God took deliberate action.
 - God created Adam in His own likeness (similar to a shadow)
2. God thought, loved, willed as a "person."
3. How was Adam like God?
 - Adam thought, he had intelligence. **2:19-20**
 - Adam loved, he had emotions. **2:18**
 - Adam choose, he had volition. **3:6**
4. How was Adam unlike God?
 - Adam was created and God is eternal.
 - Adam was made from the ground/earth. God is spiritual.
 - Adam was limited to the earth. God is heavenly, omnipresent.
 - God's activities are all on an unlimited plane. Adam was limited.
 - God is God and man is man.
 - Adam had five (5) bodily senses - see, hear, feel, taste, smell.

II. GOD AND ADAM HAD FELLOWSHIP

1. There are two circles of will: emotion and intelligence.
 - God's circle brought eternal life.
 - Adam's circle brought separation from God.
2. Adam's circle was in three parts: body, made for this world; soul, the decision making part; and his spirit, the means of knowing God.
 - The soul unites the body with the spirit and therefore accepts or rejects. It is in charge of the will, emotions and thoughts.
 - The body links the soul to the earth.
 - The spirit links the soul with heaven and therefore God's channel to man.
3. The soul decides which circle to live within. God's circle or it's own circle (man's).

III. ADAM LOST FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

1. The garden of Eden was a place of perfect environment.
2. Adam was created in perfect human form.
3. God gave Adam a test: There was only one limitation to having fellowship or not having fellowship with God.
4. Adam was left totally free to choose between God's will and fellowship with Him or his own will to disobey and go outside God's will and therefore become separated from God.
5. Adam chose to disobey God's only "no," God's only limitation and therefore he lost fellowship with God.

CONCLUSION:

1. Ever since Adam every person has had the same choice that Adam had - obey God or disobey God.
2. True it is that no one since Adam has ever been born perfect but all can still have fellowship with God, but fellowship with God is always and will always be on God's terms.
3. Again, like Adam, we are free to choose whether to do things God's way or not - to have fellowship with God or not.
4. What is your relationship with God? Do you have one?