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Section: Doctrine of Man (Anthropology)

**HANDOUT NOTES**

**Q27. How did God create the first man and woman?**

God formed Adam from the dust of the ground and then formed Eve from the rib of Adam.

**Q28. In what condition did God create Adam and Eve?**

They were created good, blessed, and with no sin.

* **Introduction**

**Genesis 1:26-31** & **Genesis 2:7, 18-24**

* **Four Hebrew Words Used That Describe the Creation of Man**
* **Asah**

**Genesis 1:26** Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

* **Yatsar**

**Genesis 2:7** then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

**Psalm 139:13** For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

* **Banah**

**Genesis 2:22** And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

**1 Corinthians 11:7** [man] is the image and glory of God, but woman is the glory of man.

* **Bara′**

**Genesis 1:27** So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

* **Man (Mankind) Being Created in God’s Image**

**Genesis 1:26-27** Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

**Theologian Stephen Charnock:** “Man is not the image of God, according to man's external bodily form and figure. The image of God in man consisted not in what is seen, but in what is not seen ... The image of God cannot be in that part which is common to us with beasts, but rather in that wherein we excel all living creatures, in reason, understanding, and an immortal spirit.”

* **Man and Woman: Equal in Value and Dignity, but Distinctly Different in Important Ways and Roles**

**Genesis 2:18** Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.”

**Genesis 1:27** So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

**Deuteronomy 22:5** (NASB) “A woman shall not wear man's clothing, nor shall a man put on a woman's clothing; for whoever does these things is an abomination to the LORD your God.”

**2 Timothy 3:16-17** All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

**Titus 2:4-5** ... train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.

**Ephesians 5:25** Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her

* **Christ Jesus (God the Son, Incarnate)**

**Colossians 1:15** [Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

**Hebrews 1:3** He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature…

**Q28. In what condition did God create Adam and Eve?**

They were created good, blessed, and with no sin.

* **Mankind Originally Created Good, Blessed, and with No Sin**

**Genesis 1:31** And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

**Genesis 1:26-28** Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

**Genesis 5:2** Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man when they were created.

**Ecclesiastes 7:29** See, this alone I found, that God made man upright, but they have sought out many schemes.

* **Mankind No Longer Made in the Original Condition**

Because of the Fall, we (humans born of both man and woman from them/after them) are not made sinless:

**Psalm 51:5** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

* **Adam and Eve Were Not Made Infallible nor Immutable**

**Infallible:** incapable of doing wrong

**Immutable:** unable to change or be changed

**Romans 5:12** Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned

* **Some Important Points from This Answer**

This truth about how Adam and Eve were created is important because through it we learn about God, man, the fall, and redemption. As we’ve learned in these lessons so far, God did ordain sin, He did ordain the Fall, but how it all came about is very important. He doesn’t simply create man as sinful already in need of redemption; instead, He creates man good, blessed and with no sin, and by ordained secondary causes—their own fallibleness and the temptation of Satan—they chose to sin against God. Because of His creating them righteous and Him ordaining secondary causes, God is not to be blamed for sin—man is. God’s word is abundantly clear in this. Their choosing to sin was God’s ordained will, but they did it willingly themselves.