

LESSON FIFTEEN: GOD'S TRUTH ABOUT MANKIND

Psalm 8:4

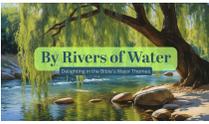
Our world has belittled the value of human life, and, sadly, a person's value is often declared to be the worth of the dirt they're made of (Genesis 2:7). Interestingly, an article in the April 1977 issue of *Reader's Digest* says, "Yale University biophysicist Harold J. Morowitz says that the human body is actually worth \$6 million. And that price covers only the raw materials—hormones, proteins, enzymes, etc. The intricate work of fashioning the material into human cells might cost six thousand trillion dollars. And assembling these cells into a functioning human being would drain all the world's treasures. 'Each human being is priceless' is the professor's understatement." When we factor in that "something is only worth what someone is willing to pay for it," the value of people goes astronomically high—God was willing to pay for our salvation by His own death, shedding His priceless blood (John 3:16; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Revelation 1:5).

I. WHERE DID MANKIND COME FROM?

- A. _____ Creation—God created mankind literally as described in Genesis 1-2.
- B. False _____
 - 1. _____—Idea that mankind developed from simple to complex forms.
 - 2. _____ Theory (Pre-Adamic)—Idea that something terrible happened between Genesis 1:1 and 2 to justify Darwin's theory.

II. WHO IS MANKIND?

- A. Made in the _____ of God—Genesis 1:26-27
- B. Made in _____ parts—Romans 12:1; Hebrews 4:12
 - 1. Soul/_____ -conscious
 - 2. Body/_____ -conscious
 - 3. Spirit/_____ -conscious
- C. Made to _____ God and show His grace—Revelation 4:11; Ephesians 2:4-7; Matthew 5:16
- D. Made to be _____ to God
 - 1. _____—Genesis 1:26-28; 2:15-16, 19-20; 3:14-19
 - 2. _____—Genesis 2:18, 21-24
- E. Made to _____ with God—Genesis 3:8; John 1:12-13
 - 1. Soul is restored to _____ with God—1 Corinthians 2:12-14



2. Body is promised perfect _____—1 Corinthians 15:51-54
3. Spirit is restored to _____ with God—Romans 8:1; John 14:1-3

III. WHERE IS MANKIND GOING?

- A. _____ “destinations.”
- B. _____ destinations—Daniel 12:2
 1. _____—Luke 12:5; 16:19-31; Mark 9:47-48; Numbers 16:32-33; Matthew 8:12; Jude 13; Revelation 21:8
 2. _____—Luke 23:43; 2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:1ff

IV. ANTHROPOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES

- A. Find your _____ in Christ—Colossians 3:3; 1 Peter 1:18-19
- B. _____ God with all He made you to be—1 Corinthians 6:20
- C. _____ the Maker of your life—Proverbs 3:5-6

CONCLUSION

Will you seek the blessed expressions of God in _____?