

"MAN IN GOD'S IMAGE"**Introduction**

1. What is mankind? Bible v. Evolution
2. This wonderful Bible teaching re man
3. "Created in God's image"! Amazing.

1. MAN: CREATED BY GOD TO BE OF HIGH DIGNITY

- 1) The six days of creation prepare for man:
 - (i) Light
 - (ii) Separation of waters
 - (iii) Dry Land
 - (iv) Light-Bearers
 - (v) birds and fishes
 - (vi) animals + man
- 2) Man has a soul – or spiritual part
OBSERVE: angels + animals of one part; man of two
- 3) Man to have dominion over creatures
OBSERVE: This part of man's dignity
- 4) Man able to have communion with God
APPLICATION: Practical effects of Atheism, etc.

2. MAN IN GOD'S IMAGE: WHAT IS THIS IMAGE?

- 1) Man and woman had this image
- 2) Three aspects of the Image:
 - (i) knowledge:
 - ability to think spiritually
 - thirst for God's love and fellowship
 - desire for information about God
 - (ii) righteousness:
 - The Ten Commandments // God

- This the only standard
- We were created morally perfect
- (iii) holiness:
 - moral perfection
 - we were created with godliness

- 3) Things of which man is still conscious of:
 - (i) That there is a great God:
 - man must have religion
 - atheism is wilful suspension of this
 - Romans 1
 - (ii) That there is "another world"
 - man is aware of the "invisible"
 - we need to remember the unseen
 - (iii) That there is life beyond death
 - **Illustration:** the Roman custom
 - The teaching of Christ
 - APPLICATION:** these are all right instincts, but spoiled by sin and ignorance

3. THE IMAGE LOST IN ADAM – RESTORED IN CHRIST

- 1) The image lost (Milton's famous poem):
 - (i) God no longer loved but feared
ILLUSTRATION: Adam v. Eve; Ps.2; Rev.
 - (ii) Man conscious of his guilt
ILLUSTRATION: Martin Luther
 - (iii) Man's delight in rebellion
ILLUSTRATION: Tower of Babel; Mystery Babylon; the Man of Sin
- 2) The image restored:
 - (i) God now known and loved again:
ILLUSTRATION: The Prodigal Son: "my Father"
 - (ii) Justified in Christ: "our righteousness"
 - (iii) Renewed in holiness: "new heart"

CONCLUSION

1. Only the Christian has the image of God restored.
2. We are to be different from the world
3. Heaven – a perfect world

PSALM

8: 1 – 9

15: 1 – 5

51: 7 - 12