

Do You Realize How Valuable You Are?

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Proclamation: 1 John 4:16

I. Why You Are Valuable

Poor sense of self-esteem is not the same as humility

A. Before man was created

1. Angelic host and cherubim/seraphim created
2. Lucifer created
3. Then a mass rebellion
4. Pride caused the fall of Lucifer
5. “King of Tyre” = Lucifer (Ezek. 28:12)
6. Anointed cherub, until iniquity was found in him

B. God’s original purpose in creating man

1. Take something humble so he can never become proud—from the dust of the ground
2. Let “us” make man (Gen. 1:26–27)
 - a. Image = to take a photograph; outward likeness
 - b. Likeness = inner nature; triune God created triune man (spirit, soul, body)
3. Dominion over fish, birds, cattle, every creeping thing
4. Male and female they were created

C. How man was made (Gen. 2:7)

1. Molded man of the dust
2. Breathed into him the breath of life
3. God’s breath produced man’s **spirit**
4. Transformation of a piece of clay
5. Man became a living **soul**

D. Everything God had created was **good**—until man *and* woman marred the creation

1. Woman *completes* man
2. “Bone of my bone . . .” one flesh

II. We Are Divine Workmanship

A. Adam to be the keeper (guardian) of the Garden

1. Adam failed—delinquent in his duty
2. Eve tempted by serpent (Lucifer)
3. He first **questioned** the Word of God

Three downward steps

- a. Doubt
- b. Disbelieve
- c. Disobey

B. God jealously desires the spirit that He caused to dwell in us (James 4:5, NAS)— He sent Jesus to win man back to Himself

III. A Plan To Reconcile Man To God

A. Luke 19:1–10

1. Zaccheus in a sycamore tree
 2. Salvation has come to this home—changed his attitude to money
 3. The Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost through the fall (v. 10)
- B.** Adam (Earth) vs. last Adam (Jesus) (1 Cor. 15:45–49)
- C.** Here Jesus has two titles:
1. Last Adam—end of Adamic inheritance, all sin and rebellion cut off
 2. Second Man—head of Emmanuel race; the “God-man” race (Emmanuel)
- D.** Mediator—Christ Jesus is still **Man** (1 Tim. 2:5)
- E.** Man started as dust, but his destiny is to end on the throne of God.

IV. Two Parables From Matthew 13

- A.** Parable of the Hidden Treasure (v. 44)
1. Treasure hidden, then found by another
 2. The man is Jesus
 3. The field is the world
 4. The treasure is God’s people
- B.** Parable of the Pearl of Great Price (v. 45–46)
1. Merchant: he knew the value of the pearl
 2. One pearl so wonderful, so precious, he sold everything to buy it
 3. See yourself as that *one pearl*
 4. “You’re beautiful!”
 5. “You cost all I had, but you’re worth it!”