

LESSON 3

GOD MADE MAN IN HIS LIKENESS

MEMORY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

8. Who was the greatest creature of God's creation?

The greatest creature of God's creation was man, made in God's likeness.

9. What does it mean for man to be made in God's likeness?

To be made in God's likeness means that man could know God, he could praise God, and he could rule for God.

10. Was it wonderful for man in the Garden of Eden?

It was wonderful for man in the Garden of Eden because he could listen to God and talk to God.

LEARN TO SING:

Psalter Hymnal 12:4. From Psalm 8.



O what is man, in Thy regard To hold so large a place,



And what the son of man, that Thou Dost visit him in grace?

MEMORY TEXT:

“Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness.’ ”

Genesis 1:26

FOR FATHER OR MOTHER TO READ TO ME:

Children, do you know what it is to be alive? Of course you do, for you are alive. And do you know that your life is very precious? Of course you know that too. But do you know how precious it is?

You know that if somebody kills a bird or an animal they take away life, but they do not get punished by death for it. But God said that if someone kills a man or a woman, a boy or a girl on purpose, they must be punished with death.

MAN IN GOD'S IMAGE

Why does God say this? In what way is the life of man different from the life of a cat or dog? This is the difference: man is like God. God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness." That is why your life is so precious! This does not mean, children, that man is God. And it does not mean that man is as great as God. I am sure that you already know that. We will never be the same as God, even after Jesus returns.

MADE TO HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

God made man in His likeness, so that man could live in fellowship with God. So that man could talk with God. You are like your father and mother and you can talk

with them. And, as long as you are obedient boys and girls, you want to talk with your father and mother, and you want them to talk to you.

The cat or the dog or the bird cannot talk with them in that way. Your father and mother talk to you and give you the things you need because they love you and you love them. You would feel very, very bad if someone took you far away from father and mother and you could not see them and talk with them.

MAN—PROPHET, PRIEST, KING

God made man in His image; to be like God. So to know how God made man, we must know who God is. God is true. He never tells a lie. He made us like Him. We can know the truth and tell the truth—we are prophets. As we will see next week, we can also know and tell lies because of what our father Adam did when he called God a liar. But God did not make us that way. And God made us so we could make things out of other things in His world—He made us kings. He also made us so that we can be happy and praise Him with His world and what is in it. We are priests.

That is what it means that God made man like Him—in His likeness. Next week we will see how man lost this, but we will also see how God, through Jesus, will give it back to us if we are truly His children.

POINTS TO REMEMBER:

- ◆ 1. Our life is very precious because we have been made in God's image.
- ◆ 2. We were made in God's image so we can listen to God and talk to Him.
- ◆ 3. To be made in God's image or likeness means we can know and tell the truth about God and everything He has made—as prophets.
- ◆ 4. It means we can fight against sin and rule over ourselves and the things God has given us—as kings.

