

LESSON 3

GOD SPEAKS—GOD'S IMAGE

MEMORY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

8. How did God say He was going to make man?

God said, "Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness."

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

To be in God's likeness means that man could know God and talk with Him.

10. Why did God make man?

God made man so he could praise and glorify Him.

11. What did God say He was going to have man do?

God said that man would have dominion over every living thing that God had made.

LEARN TO SING:

Psalter Hymnal 247:2. From Psalm 119.



Thy Word and works un - moved re - main, Thine ev - ery



pur - pose to ful - fil; All things are Thine and



Thee o - bey, And all as ser - vants wait Thy will.

MEMORY TEXT:

“And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.”

Genesis 2:7

FOR FATHER AND MOTHER TO READ TO ME:

God speaks. In our first lesson we saw that God speaks in His word, the Bible. Last week we saw that God spoke and the world and all things in it were created. God's voice is mighty! Now I want you to see that God speaks also in another way. God speaks to man.

MAN MADE LIKE GOD

God made man in His likeness, after His image. God made man so that He could talk to man and man could talk to God. This is very wonderful. God placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. This was a perfect garden. It was perfect because God was there to talk with man. You see, boys and girls, God made a covenant with man. Do you know what a covenant is?

MAN IN COVENANT

A covenant is a *relationship*. That's a big word isn't it? But it's really not so hard. You are in covenant with your mom and dad. They gave you life, they love you, care for you, and talk to you. You must love them, listen to them, answer them and obey them.

God made man in covenant with Him in almost the same way. It is God who creates man, who comes to man, speaks to him, and expects him to listen, answer and obey him. God said to man, “I have made you like Myself so that you could know Me and talk to Me in obedience. Now you must obey Me and I will give you life with Me forever.” God speaks. God talks. And now the

wonderful thing is, children, that God made someone who could also talk with Him, someone who could answer when God speaks, because he is made like God.

ALL MEN IN COVENANT

Did you know that all men are in covenant with God? He made them all, and tells them all that they must obey Him. He promises eternal life to all who obey. Next week we will see that He also said there would be death for all who do not obey. Which one do you think we and all men have coming to us?

MAN AT HOME WITH GOD

I said that the Garden of Eden was a wonderful place because there man could talk to God. That is something like home, isn't it? What is it that makes home a nice place? What is it about home that makes us want to be there, to eat there, to sleep there? Is it because there is nice furniture? Is it because it is such a nice house? Maybe the house is nice and maybe it isn't. But it is still home.

How would you like it, children, if your house was full of all kinds of nice furniture, and the house was nice, but there was no father and mother, no brothers or sisters there? You were just all by yourself. Would that be a nice place to go? Would that be a real home to you?

Just think for a little while what it would be like to come from school to a house with nobody there. Would that really be home? Wouldn't you be terribly lonesome? God made man in His likeness

to be with God, to talk with God. The Garden of Eden was home.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE IN GOD'S LIKENESS

To be made in God's likeness also means that we are prophets, priests, and kings. Now what does that mean? Well, it means that as prophets we could know and tell the truth about God and His world. It means as kings that God made us to rule the world for Him. It means as priests that we could use all these things to praise Him.

That is man, children. That is how God made him. That is wonderful. That is what you and I can be once again if we truly believe in Jesus Christ. And that means that we will want to know and to be able to tell the truth about God and His world. It means that we will want to use and to rule all things according to His laws. And then of course we will have to know those laws. We will have to learn them quite carefully.

LISTENING TO GOD TO KNOW WHO YOU ARE

It means that we will have to pay careful attention in school too, because there too we are learning what God says and what He did in His world around us. And we will want to make all those things praise God. That is what He made them for and He made us so that we could talk to Him about how wonderful they are. That is what it means to be a priest.

I hope, children, by the reading and study of this lesson you have been able to understand a little better how great and how wonderful God is. How great and how wonderful it is that God made man who could also speak—yes even speak with God. I hope you will see a little better how wonderful God made man to be.

If we have learned some of these things a little better, then God can use us better. And that is why He made us. Next week, if God keeps us, we will want to see what happened to all of this when Adam had to go out of the wonderful garden. He had to leave home.

POINTS TO REMEMBER:

- ◆ 1. God made man so that he could listen—to God, talk to God, and do what God said to do.
- ◆ 2. The Garden of Eden was a wonderful home for man because there he could listen to God and talk to God.
- ◆ 3. To be made in God's image means that we are prophets, priests, and kings.
- ◆ 4. As prophets, we could know and tell the truth. As kings God made us to rule the world for him. As priests we could use all these things to praise Him.

REVIEW QUESTIONS:

1. Why are there no mistakes in the Bible, since God used men to write it? (L. 1)

2. What is the first thing God tells us that He did? (L. 2)

3. How did God create everything? (L. 2)

4. Why did God create everything? (L. 2)

QUESTIONS FOR FATHER OR MOTHER TO ASK ME:

1. What is another word for “image”?

2. What was so special about the Garden of Eden?

3. What is a covenant?

4. What did God tell man to do in His covenant with him?

5. What must man do when God speaks to him?

6. What makes your home nice?

7. Where was man's first home?

8. Why was it so special?

9. To be made in God's image means we are what three things?

10. Who is the only person who can make us prophets, priests, and kings again for God?