

THE TRUTH AND EXPERIENCE OF GOD'S SALVATION

Lesson Two

God's Purpose in Creating Man

Subject: God's purpose in creating man.

Scripture: Gen. 1:26-27, 31; Rom. 9:21-23; Psalms 8:3-4; Ecclesiastes 1: 2-4

Aim: To impress the sixth-grade children that we are created for a high and meaningful purpose.

Memory Verses: Gen. 1:26-27; 1 Thes. 5:23

Approach: Each of us is called a human being. "Being" means one in existence. Just about every human being asks questions about his or her existence. Why am I here? Some people answer, "By accident". We who are in the church know that human beings were made by God. Before answering the question above let us see some things that we are not made for. Four items are listed here:

1. Pleasure- to have a good life, to always have fun.
2. Money- to make a lot of money and become rich.
3. Education- to acquire lots of knowledge.
4. Success- to become a star (in movies, sports, etc.), a famous scientist, doctor, lawyer, the president, etc.

We are not here just be born, live a life and die. Many famous people throughout history have realized the vanity of everything they have gained, and have died without realizing the meaning of their human lives.

Content: God's purpose in creating man is that man may express Him and rule for Him. God wants man to express Him, not only outwardly, in appearance and actions, but also inwardly, in thoughts, feelings, and desires. God desires that when one sees man, one may see God. God also wants man to rule the earth for Him. No tiger, monkey or even angel can have rule over the earth for God. God does not want any creature to express or represent Him except man.

In His creation, God created many creatures. But not one of them was made in God's image, except for man. As such we are vessels, wonderful vessels, created by God to contain God and express God. We may be filled with many other things, but those things do not fulfill the purpose of the vessel. Man is unique among God's creation; man is God's masterpiece*. After God created man, the bible says that He saw when He had made and that it was very good.

Illustrations: -A photograph of a person shows the image of that person. An image being a representation of the form and features of someone or something.
-A glove made in the image of a hand to contain the hand.
-A clean glass representing a proper vessel for the purpose of containing something (ex: water)

* According to Eph. 2:10 the church, as God's new creation in Christ Jesus, is God's masterpiece. This is the corporate man, filled with the life of God, fulfilling God's intention in His original plan. Here we use the word "masterpiece" with reference to God's first creation of man, in the sense that man was the only creature created uniquely with the capacity to contain the rich, eternal and divine life of the Triune God.