

MAN IN GOD'S CREATION

Lesson Twelve

SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES IN PEOPLE (1)

Burden to Impart:

In this lesson we see that since God “made from one (Adam) every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth...” (Acts 17:26), all men have many similarities and are alike in many ways: basic physical features, needs, ways of living, and psychological make up. We may live together happily with others by following the “golden rule” given by the Lord Jesus in Matthew 7:12.

Memory Verse: “Therefore all that you wish men would do to you, so also you do to them; ...” (Matthew 7:12).

Facts to Teach:

1. How am I the same as everybody else?
 - a. Physically: the same basic features (eyes, ears, nose, mouth, hair, etc. Let the children list.)
 - b. Same basic needs (food, water, clothing, housing, family, friends).
 - c. Same basic way of living (breathing, eating, sleeping, seeing, hearing, speaking, etc.)
 - d. Mentally: We all need love, respect, attention, rights of ownership (to have our own things, toys, etc.), freedom (not always bossed around).

Practical application:

Since we all came from the same great grandparents (Adam and Eve), we have many similarities and share many of the same desires and feelings. We must learn to live together with our fellow men and neighbors. After all, we are all only distant cousins. The easiest rule to follow to live together happily with others is what the Lord Jesus taught us in Matthew 7:12.