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The First Man

Introduction

Genesis begins with God giving to man, that which will result in his first impression of God who reveals all creation, including man, can be a condition where God can rest because everything is according to His perfect will. It reveals man's place in the government of God and over creation. The world of today is in a sphere where everything about it, including every human being, lives in rebellion against God. The scripture of truth states, none seeketh after God. To this truth some would object, but man only seeks God for their own afterlife enrichment, not for the glory of God. It is a world where each human being lives and they have no fear of God. He is the "big man upstairs," he is "daddy", and more respect and awe is given by man to an earthly degraded human than the living God.

From Genesis chapter one we learn how man can be brought into fellowship with God, and it is not by his own doings. When God made man he was created in the image and likeness of God in that he had dominion over every aspect of earth's created life. In the coming of man on this earthly sphere several observations are clear:

- a) Man coming on earth was not a decision by man but the first consideration came from God (Gen. 1:26).
- b) Man's formation was not the result of a series of accidents, void of any purpose by random cells, but was the work of an intelligent individual. Man was formed by God.
- c) Man's life was not the result of some electrical power working on some primordial soup which by happenstance had amino acids which by a fluke created life. To be the result of multiple accidents means that every human being is nothing other than an accident without purpose, planning or prospects. Man is reduced to the caste system where, what the individual is now is the result of their forbearers, and will be the future generations of their children. Life was given, so with salvation.
- d) A notable word used concerning man that is said of no other creation: "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 soul" (Gen. 2:7). So important is this clause that it is repeated in the New Testament: "And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit" (1 Cor. 15:45). This clause, "a living soul," is intriguing because all the animals etc. were living, so what is so special about man? It is also said that God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, that is never said of any other living creature. It signifies that the life of God was breathed into man. He was made in the image and likeness of God and shared the life of God. Man had a spiritual dimension that no other living creature had. When man sinned, that spiritual dimension died and the result was Adam had a son in his own likeness (Gen. 5:3), not that of God (Gen 1:26). We are all deformed by sin and no one alive has ever seen a perfect human being.

The result of the sin of Adam is that every baby born has a sin nature. No one has to teach a child to lie, to steal, to disobey, it is so very natural, it is simply the outworking of sin. A vicious murderer or prolific liar or thief has let an aspect of the sin nature have free rein and being unchecked, the individual develops to what they are. I am no different from them and but for the grace of God, each of us could do what they do. It is not that some have a polite background or more cultural sophistication, we are all the

same. For instance, when there is a sale at a store and a number of people want the same item, there is no loving your neighbor as yourself. I see shoving, looks and grabbing things from another's hand because they want the item. We are not as gracious as we think. Let someone cut us off in traffic and the crudities of being natural is seen. We are all the same, deformed sinful children of Adam. That which is needed is a new "me", a new beginning to a higher spiritual manhood, and that can only come through God's salvation.

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Unlike the coming to life of the first man who could not say yes or no to life, it was a collection of dust without a will, intelligence, or life. When God created man and gave him life, being made in the image of God he had a free will, the freedom to make decisions, the freedom to act on the decisions. That was an act of God's sovereignty.

Every human being is a spiritually lifeless corpse but physically a living individual who can make decisions. Man is not a robot who is spiritually and physically dead, he still has a will of His own and is free to make decisions. He also has another blessing, that is to know the result of his decision. If the individual decides to accept life from God, such a one can know they are going to Heaven, be assured their sins are forgiven, and have peace with God. On the other hand, if that spiritually lifeless corpse but physically living individual of their own free will rejects Gods gift of life, then they will remain spiritually dead for all eternity.

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