

## MAN IS FALLEN AND HE CAN'T GET UP

*"What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet: all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"*

Psalm 8:4-9 (NIV)

### ❖ Man at Creation

*"So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."*

Genesis 1:27 (NIV)

#### 1. God created man for HIMSELF

*"For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him."*

Colossians 1:16 (NIV)

#### 2. God created man out of DUST

*"The Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being."*

Genesis 2:7 (NIV)

#### 3. God created woman out of ADAM'S RIB

*"So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man."*

Genesis 2:21-22 (NIV)

### ❖ The Nature of Man

*"May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NIV)

#### 1. Man is a PHYSICAL being

*"All flesh is not the same: Men have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another and fish another."*

1 Corinthians 15:39 (NIV)

2. Man is an ETERNAL being

*"Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt."*

Daniel 12:2 (NIV)

3. Man is a SPIRITUAL being

*"But it is the spirit in a man, the breath of the Almighty, that gives him understanding."*

Job 32:8 (NIV)

❖ The Fall of Man

*"Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God really say, "You must not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, "You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" 'You will not surely die,' the serpent said to the woman. 'For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves."*

Genesis 3:1-7 (NIV)

1. Satan leads mankind to question God's GOODNESS

*"Did God really say, "You must not eat from any tree in the garden"?"*

2. Satan challenges God's TRUTHFULNESS

*"You will not surely die... For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."*

3. Satan challenges God's PROVISION

*"When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it."*

*"For all that is in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world."*

1 John 2:16 (NKJV)

*"When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. Now, no one is likely to die for a good person, though someone might be willing to die for a person who is especially good. But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners."*

Romans 5:6-8 (NLT)