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Ch. 7 – What is Man

Q: What is Man? Characteristics

A. Created in God’s Image

1. Pinnacle of God’s creation
2. Let us make man in our own image
3. nothing else in the world (59)
4. to rule over everything on Earth.
5. The more we know God, the more we know ourselves. The more we know ourselves, the more we know God. Building process.

a. Graph – circular, keep reflecting.

b. right and wrong. Not to yell when with friends and family at the dinner table. How do you know? God has created you and I with moral sense.

 c. God perfectly knows right and wrong.

4. Clouded thinking – sin, unknowing mistakes.

 a. forgot to do homework

 b. teacher forgot to pass out quiz.

 c. drove to the wrong place – frustration.

5. In the end, we will be most like Jesus Christ (60)

 a. back to the beginning. New heavens and earth. Christ’s return.

Q: God is self-sufficient, why did he make us? Why are we here?

 1. made to worship Him. Grace

B. Created for God’s Glory (Man)

 1. Enjoy his presence. Enjoy his creation. Made to worship Him.

 2. Zephaniah 3:17. – God rejoice over you (59)

 a. do we really deserve that wow.

 3. **God is most glorified** in us when **we** are **most satisfied in Him – John Piper**

 Desiring God – book.

C. Responsibilities as creatures in God’s image.

 1. Represent God.

 2. Taking care of His land and creation.

 a. take care of His creation honorably.

 b. recycling – high school/ coworkers.

 1) every Friday after school.

 3. Can use to enjoy. But not abuse.

 a. effects of abuse.

Ch.8 – What is Sin

Sin - Failure to follow moral law of God. Missing the mark. Archery – missed the bullseye. You failed.

A. What is Sin

 1. Ten Commandments

 a. not just action, thoughts, attitudes. Speech, eyes, etc.

 2. Sinful in Nature (62)

 3. Note – Temptation is NOT sin.

a. Satan may try to tempt us with things of the world. But we have a choice to say yes or no.

 b. Tempted Jesus – Matt 4

B. Where Sin Came From

 1. God cannot sin – James 1:13

 2. Sin – God allowed it

 a. He was not surprised when it came in. He knew all along.

b. But why? Garden happily ever after. No heroes with messed up lives in the OT, NT, and present times. I don’t know.

 3. Satan and war in heaven against God.

 a. Sin was present before Adam and Eve sinned. (63)

 b. Sometime between creation and Eve eating the fruit.

1)before God telling Adam – don’t eat from tree of knowledge of good and evil or you will die.

4. Genesis 3:16-19 –result.

4. Romans 6:23 – For the wages of sin is death. – Paul.

 a. polluted mind, actions, body. Decay, rot, and eliminated.

 5. God’s judgment is fair.

 a. God is also loving.

C. Our Standing

 1. All sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

 2. Christians – forever saved

 a. Sin – it still grieves God.

 b. mom and dad tell us not to do something and our first instinct is – do it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0qF5_P2e_T0> - 15:22