

## Lesson 19-21 The Doctrine of Man

*“Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’”* Genesis 1:26-28

### I. How was man created from the hand of God?

A. Man was created in the image of God (Gen. 1:26).

1. This image involves man as a three-fold being (I Th. 5:23).

a. Man has a spirit (Zech. 12:1; Job 32:8; I Cor. 2:11). This is the God conscience part of man.

*Thus says the LORD, who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him... Zechariah 12:1b*

b. Man has a soul (Ezek. 18:4; Ps. 16:10; 19:7). This is the self-conscience part of man and includes the mind, the will and the emotions.

*“Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine; the soul who sins shall die. Ezekiel 18:4*

*The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple... Psalm 19:7*

c. Man has a body (Rom. 12:1; Phil. 3:21). This is the world-conscious part of man that relates through the five senses.

*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. Romans 12:1*

*For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself. Philippians 3:20-21*

2. This image involves man as an intelligent being (Col. 3:10). As an intelligent

being he can think, learn and plan.

*...and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him...*

3. This image involves man as a moral being (Eph. 4:23-24). As a moral being he has a conscience and intuition that bear witness to right and wrong.

*...and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.*

Ephesians 4:23-24

- B. Man was created as a dependent being (Acts 17:24-28).

*God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. <sup>25</sup>Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. <sup>26</sup>And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, <sup>27</sup>so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; <sup>28</sup>for in Him we live and move and have our being... Acts 17:24-28a*

- C. Man was created to be inhabited (John 14:17; I Cor. 3:16-17).

*Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? I Corinthians 3:16*

- D. Man was created for love (I John 4:16-19).

*And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. <sup>19</sup>We love Him because He first loved us.*

- E. Man was created as a free-will being (Gen. 3:6).

*So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.*

- F. Man was created as a perfect and sinless being. This does not mean that man was not capable of sin, but that he was innocent and untested yet without sin. The Bible speaks of three kinds of perfection.

### 1. Innocence or Untested Perfection

This is a perfect state of creation that is capable of sin, but it is as yet untested. Lucifer had this kind of perfection when he was created (Ezek. 28:15). He failed the test just as Adam did (Gen. 3:6-7; Eccl. 7:29).

*I discovered that God created people to be upright, but they have each turned to follow their own downward path.” Ecclesiastes 7:29 –NLT*

### 2. Relative Perfection

This is a perfection of the heart or attitude when compared to the surrounding climate and cultural context of the time. It is reflective of a life that is dedicated and obedient to God. Noah, Job and Asa are all said to have this type of perfection (Gen. 6:9; Job 1:1; I Kgs. 15:14).

*This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. Genesis 6:9*

*There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was blameless and upright, and one who feared God and shunned evil...<sup>8</sup> Then the LORD said to Satan, “Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?” Job 1:1, 8*

### 3. Sinless Perfection

This is a state of tested perfection from which it is impossible to fall. God Himself has a perfection that reflects an impossibility to sin (Mt. 5:48; Tit. 1:2). The angels that remained faithful to God passed their test and will never again fall. Jesus passed the test being tested in all points yet without sin (Heb. 4:15).

*Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.*  
Matthew 5:48

*... in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began... Titus 1:2*

*For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Hebrews 4:15*

## II. Why did God create man?

A. God created man because God is love (John 3:16; I John 4:16).

1. Because God is love, He had no desire to dwell alone.
  2. Because God is love, He demanded an object upon which to bestow that love.
  3. Because God is love, He desired relationship with other intelligent beings.
- B. God has the true heart of a father (See Genesis 1:26-28).
1. As a true father He desired a man in His image.
  2. As a true father He desired many offspring.
  3. As a true father He desired to have relationship with His offspring.
  4. As a true father He desired His offspring to come to full maturity.
  5. As a true father He desired His offspring to come into full partnership with Him.
  6. As a true father He desired to have a bride for His only begotten Son.
- C. Man was to be the object of God's love and the fulfillment of His father's heart. He was not created as a puppet, a machine or a robot, none of which have free will and, therefore, cannot reciprocate the Creator's love. He was created to be responsive, affectionate and intimate with the Creator.

### **III. How did man fall from this original state?**

- A. Satan undermined the Word of God (Gen. 3:1-7).
1. Satan placed a question mark on God's Word trying to get Eve to doubt when he said to her, "Has God said?" (Gen. 3:1; II Cor. 11:2-3).
 

*For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. II Corinthians 11:2-3*
  2. Satan contradicted the Word of God forcing Eve to make a choice when he said, "You will not surely die" (Gen. 3:4).
  3. Satan cast doubt on God's intention and character in His dealings with man (Gen. 3:5). He implied that God was selfish and was withholding something that was good for man.

4. Satan deceived them by only telling them what they would gain, not what they would lose (the cost) in the process (Gen. 3:5).
- B. Man was tempted in three areas of his being (I John 2:16).

*Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 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. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.*

I John 2:15-17

1. Man was tempted in the area of the body—the lust of the flesh. He saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food. Compare Jesus' temptation to turn stones into bread (Luke 4:3).

*And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread."*

2. He was tempted in the area of the soul—the lust of the eyes. The eyes are the window of the soul (Gen. 3:6). Compare Jesus' temptation to receive all that He could see if he would bow to Satan (Luke 4:5).

*Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours."*

Luke 4:5-7

3. He was tempted in the area of the spirit—the pride of life. He wanted to be wise and to be like God. Compare Jesus' temptation to cast Himself down to be acknowledged as God by those who witnessed it (Luke 4:9).

*Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.'"*

Luke 4:9-11

- C. Man knowingly transgressed the law of God (I Tim. 2:13-14; I John 3:4).

*For Adam was formed first, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. I Timothy 2:13-14*

*Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. I John 3:4*

#### IV. What were the effects of the fall?

- A. The conscience of man was activated (Gen. 3:7).

*Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.*

- B. Man recognized the need for covering (Gen. 3:7).

- C. Man was cut off from direct fellowship with God (Gen. 3:8, 24).

*And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.*

- D. Man became fearful of God's presence (Gen. 3:8).

- E. Man became a "self-justifier" and a "blame shifter" (Gen. 3:11-14).

*Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup>And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?" <sup>12</sup>Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup>And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."*

- F. Death passed upon all men (Rom. 5:12, 19).

*Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned... <sup>19</sup> For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.*

- G. Man's spirit and mind were darkened (Pro. 20:27; Eph. 4:17-18).

*The spirit of a man is the lamp of the LORD, searching all the inner depths of his heart. Proverbs 20:27*

*This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, <sup>18</sup>having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; <sup>19</sup> who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.*

Ephesians 4:17-19

H. Man's physical body became susceptible to sickness, disease and death.

## V. What is the condition of every man that is born into the world?

As a result of the original sin of Adam and Eve, sin entered the human race. Like begets like; everything brings forth after its kind (Gen. 1:11). Hence sin passed on to the entire human race of mankind and now every human being since Adam is born with a sin nature.

A. Man is born in sin and, hence, is a sinner (Ps. 14:1-3; 51:5; Is. 53:6; Rom. 3:9-12; I John 1:8, 10).

*The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God. They are corrupt, They have done abominable works, there is none who does good."<sup>2</sup> The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there are any who understand, who seek God.<sup>3</sup> They have all turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is none who does good, no, not one. Psalm 14:1-3*

*Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.*  
Psalm 51:5

*All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:6*

*If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*  
I John 1:8

B. Man has absolutely no inclination toward God (Rom. 3:22-23; 7:17-20; John 3:19; Jer. 17:9).

*For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God... Romans 3:23*

*And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. John 3:19*

*"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?"  
Jeremiah 17:9*

*The law is good, then. The trouble is not with the law but with me, because I am sold into slavery, with sin as my master.<sup>15</sup> I don't understand myself at all, for I really want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do the very thing I hate.<sup>16</sup> I know perfectly well that what I am doing is wrong, and my bad conscience shows that I agree that the law is good.<sup>17</sup> But I can't help myself, because it is sin inside me that makes me do these evil things.*

<sup>18</sup> *I know I am rotten through and through so far as my old sinful nature is concerned. No matter which way I turn, I can't make myself do right. I want to, but I can't.* <sup>19</sup> *When I want to do good, I don't. And when I try not to do wrong, I do it anyway.* <sup>20</sup> *But if I am doing what I don't want to do, I am not really the one doing it; the sin within me is doing it.*

<sup>21</sup> *It seems to be a fact of life that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong.* <sup>22</sup> *I love God's law with all my heart.* <sup>23</sup> *But there is another law at work within me that is at war with my mind. This law wins the fight and makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me.* <sup>24</sup> *Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin?* <sup>25</sup> *Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin.* Romans 7:15-25, NLT

- C. Man has absolutely no understanding of the things of God (I Cor. 2:14).

*But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

I Corinthians 2:14

- D. Man's mind is defiled by sin and separation from God (Tit. 1:15; Col. 1:21; Rom. 8:7-8).

*To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled.* Titus 1:15

*And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death...* Colossians 1:21-22a

- E. Man is a slave to sin (Rom. 6:17; 7:5, 8, 14-15, 19, 23-24).

*But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.* Romans 6:17

*For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death. But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter.* Romans 7:5-6

- F. Man is a child of wrath (Eph. 2:1-3).

*And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,<sup>2</sup> in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,<sup>3</sup> among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh*

*and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.*

Ephesians 2:1-3

G. Man is an enemy of God (Rom. 8:7-8).

*Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.*

Romans 8:7-8

H. Man is dead in trespasses and sins (Eph. 2:1, See above).

I. Man is on the road to eternal damnation (II Th. 1:8-9; John 15:6; Pro. 14:12).

*...when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, <sup>8</sup>in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, <sup>10</sup>when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.*

II Thessalonians 1:7b-10

*If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.* John 15:6

*There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.*

Proverbs 14:12

## **VI. What happens to man in redemption?**

Note: The following points are taken from unpublished notes by Kevin Conner.

A. There is an impartation of life to the human spirit (Ps. 18:28; John 1:4-13; 8:12; Eph. 5:8; I Th. 5:4-5; I Pet. 2:9).

*For You will light my lamp; the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.*

Psalms 18:28

*There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. <sup>8</sup>He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. <sup>9</sup>That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. <sup>11</sup>He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. <sup>12</sup>But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: <sup>13</sup>who were born,*

*not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*

John 1:6-13

*Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." John 8:12*

*For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light. Ephesians 5:8*

*But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy. I Peter 2:9-10*

- B. There is a regeneration of our old spirit which was in darkness (John 3:1-8; Ezek. 36:25-28; Tit. 3:5; I Pet. 1:23; Col. 3:10).

*Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit." John 3:3-8*

*Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. <sup>26</sup>I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup>I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. <sup>28</sup>Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God.*

Ezekiel 36:25-28

*But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, <sup>5</sup> not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*

Titus 3:4-7

*Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever. I Peter 1:22-23*

*Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all. Colossians 3:9-11*

- C. When we receive Christ as Savior and Lord, He put His Spirit within our spirit and our spirit becomes one with the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 6:17; John 1:12; Rom. 8:9).
- D. We receive the evidence that this has taken place by the inward witness of the Holy Spirit with our spirit (Gal. 4:6; Rom. 8:15-16; I John 5:10).

*And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. Galatians 4:6-7*

*For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” <sup>16</sup>The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. Romans 8:15-17*

*He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself... I John 5:10a*

## **VII. What happens after the new birth?**

Note: The following points are taken from unpublished notes by Kevin Conner.

- A. Our heart still has a bent toward evil, so the Holy Spirit works continually, cleansing and renewing (II Cor. 7:1).

*Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. II Corinthians 7:1*

- B. The spirit of man is restored to a place of control over man.

It should be noted that, although the spirit has dominion, there are many Christians who choose to obey the soul and the flesh. Hence we find three kinds of individuals.

1. The Natural Man

The natural man is the unregenerate man outside of Christ (I Cor. 2:14).

2. The Carnal Believer

The carnal believer is the regenerate man who chooses to follow the animal instincts and the lusts of the flesh (I Cor. 3:1-3).

*And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; <sup>3</sup>for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men? I Corinthians 3:1-3*

### 3. The Spiritual Man

The spiritual man is the regenerate man who is ruled by, walking in and living according to the promptings of the Holy Spirit through the human spirit (Rom. 8:1-17).

*There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. <sup>8</sup>So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you.*

Romans 8:1-9

C. As we yield to the Holy Spirit, that Spirit which is in us begins to work in relation to the rest of this three part being.

1. He breaks through the will of man.
2. He renews the conscience and mind of man.
3. His influence will one day sanctify the whole body (I Th. 5:23).

D. Man will ultimately be restored to the image of God (Rom. 8:29; II Cor. 3:18).

*For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Romans 8:29*

*But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. II Corinthians 3:18*

## VIII. What is the ultimate destiny of man?

- A. Since man is created from the hand of God as a “spirit being”, once man is created he (the spirit part of man) will never cease to exist.
- B. All human beings will spend eternity in heaven with their maker or in hell with the devil and his angels (John 5:28-29; Rom. 2:5-9; II Th. 1:8-9; Mt. 13:41-43; 25:34-46).

*Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world’...<sup>41</sup> “Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’” Matthew 25:34, 41*