

# **“The Doctrine of Man and the Fall”**

## **Genesis 1:26-27**

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### **I. Introduction**

- A. I want to look together with you at the Bible’s doctrine of Man and the Fall
  - 1. (Genesis 1:26-27)
  - 2. Why is it important?
    - a) The problems we face today
    - b) “Every single human being, no matter how much the image of God is marred by sin, or illness, or weakness, or age, or any other disability, still has the status of being in God’s image and therefore must be treated with the dignity and respect that is due to God’s image-bearer. This has profound implications for our conduct towards others. It means that people of every race deserve equal dignity and rights. It means that elderly people, those seriously ill, the mentally retarded, and children yet unborn, deserve full protection and honor as human beings. If we ever deny our unique status in creation as God’s only image-bearers, we will soon begin to depreciate the value of human life, will tend to see humans as merely a higher form of animal, and will begin to treat others as such. We will also lose much of our sense of meaning in life.” – Wayne Grudem
    - c) It is essential that we think Biblically about man and his fall.

### **II. What Does the Bible Teach About the Origin of Man?**

- A. The Bible does not teach:
  - 1. Evolution or “Atheistic Evolution”
    - a) Charles Darwin’s book “The Origin of Species”
      - 1) Natural selection
      - 2) Survival of the fittest
      - 3) Its implications
        - a. No God
        - b. No accountability
        - c. No moral absolutes
  - 2. Theistic Evolution
    - a) The problem—no first man, Adam
    - b) No fall
    - c) No need for a savior
  - 3. The Day-Age Theory
    - a) Death before Adam and the fall
- B. The Bible does teach:
  - 1. That God created out of nothing
    - a) (Genesis 1:1)
    - b) Fiat creation
    - c) Seventeen times in Genesis 1, God is said to be the Creator
  - 2. God created man directly

- a) (Genesis 1:27)
  - b) (Genesis 5:1-2)
  - c) This creation is regarded as a historical fact in many other places in Scripture
    - 1) (Exodus 20:11)
    - 2) (Psalm 8:3-6)
    - 3) (Matthew 19:4-5)
    - 4) (2 Corinthians 11:3)
    - 5) (1 Timothy 2:13-24)
    - 6) (Jude 14)
  - d) Genesis chapters 1-11 are not allegory but are true history
3. God created male and female
- a) (Genesis 1:27)
  - b) (Genesis 2:18-25)
  - c) Jesus affirmed this truth
    - 1) (Matthew 19:4)
  - d) There are only two genders
    - 1) Transgenderism is an attack on God
4. God created in six, twenty-four-hour days
- a) “And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.” (Genesis 1:31)
    - 1) The word “day” is Hebrew “yom”
      - a. When used with a number, it always designates a twenty-four-hour day
    - 2) The phrase “evening and morning” emphasizes a twenty-four-hour long day
      - a. (Exodus 20:9-11)
      - b. (Exodus 20:11)
5. God created man as a unique being in His image and likeness
- a) (Genesis 1:26-27)
  - b) (Genesis 5:1)
  - c) Only human beings are created in God’s image and likeness
    - 1) Man is God’s unique crown of creation
  - d) Man has two parts
    - 1) A material body
    - 2) An immaterial soul or spirit
    - 3) (Genesis 2:7)
  - e) Why was man created?
    - 1) God didn’t need to create man
    - 2) Yet, God created man for His glory
      - a. (Isaiah 43:6-7)
    - 3) What is man’s purpose in life?
      - a. To know God, to glorify God, and to enjoy God forever
  - f) We are made in God’s image
    - 1) Personality
      - a. God is a personal being
      - b. Self-conscious and self-determination

- c. Mind, emotion, will
- 2) Spiritual being
  - a. God is spirit
  - b. Man has an eternal soul or spirit
- 3) Moral being
  - a. God is holy

### III. Something Has Gone Horribly Wrong with Man

- A. It is called “The Fall of Man”
  - 1. (Genesis 3:1-7)
  - 2. This text is a historically true record of original sin and the fall of man
  - 3. It is not a myth or allegory
    - a) It is true history
    - b) (Matthew 19:3-6)
    - c) (Romans 5:12-21)
  - 4. What resulted from man’s fall?
    - a) Judgment on the serpent
      - 1) (Genesis 3:14)
    - b) Judgment on Satan
      - 1) (Genesis 3:15)
    - c) Judgment on the woman
      - 1) (Genesis 3:16)
    - d) Judgment of the man
      - 1) (Genesis 3:17-19)
    - e) Judgment of the whole human race
      - 1) (Romans 5:12-19)
      - 2) By one man, Adam, sin, death, and judgment passed onto the whole human race
      - 3) All the sin, sickness, sorrow, suffering, and death came from Adam’s fall
      - 4) Adam acted as our “federal head”
        - a. Imputed guilt
        - b. Transmitted depravity
        - c. Personal sin
        - d. Adamic nature
      - 5) (Romans 1:10-31)
      - 6) (Ephesians 2:13)
        - a. Dead
        - b. Disobedient
        - c. Depraved
        - d. Doomed

### IV. Conclusion

- A. “But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love, wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved”  
(Ephesians 2:4-5)
1. Jesus, the last Adam
  2. He will reverse the curse when He comes again
    - a) (Romans 8)