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Genesis 3

Lesson 12 – The nature of the man

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The next four lessons in our study of Genesis chapter 3 we will separate the men from the women. We will cover the following subject titles:

- The Nature of the Man
- The Curse on the Man
- The Nature of the Woman
- The Curse on the Woman

Before we start into these four lessons there are some things the Bible has to say about men that it does not say to women. There are some things the Bible says to women that it does not say to men. There are definite distinctions drawn in the Bible about the two.

THE NATURE OF THE MAN

What no psychiatrist is able to comprehend or explain can be learned by a careful study of the word of God. The psalmist once asked God, "What is man?" Psalms 8:4. As a result of the fall into sin, the answer is not pleasant.

Gentlemen, what you and I are by nature... the natural man under the sun in this body of flesh... what are we? There is a negative and positive side.

I. THE FULLY NEGATIVE SIDE

a. He is a child of wrath (Ephesians 2:3). This does not speak of a man's destiny but of his origin. Man begins his life with a bent toward sinning he must be restrained and corrected if any good thing is to come from his days on earth.

Ephesians 2:1-3 *And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: 3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.* Every one of us is born with a nature that at the first opportunity we will begin to go wrong.

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If you have ever raised a child you know this is true. You are constantly saying... "No... no... no... no... don't do that, don't touch that" Why? Doing the wrong things, going the wrong direction, rebellion and disobedience just comes naturally.

b. He receives not the things of God; There is no true communion between God and His fallen creatures. This is not because God does not attempt to speak to them through their conscience, His creation and His word. The lack of communion is attributed to man's inability to receive the things of God. For example, there are television signals traveling through the air around our home. We have no television set. The signal is present but we have no means whereby to receive it.

1 Corinthians 2:11-14 Not only is man a child of wrath – but it is so very, very difficult to improve on that situation. Why is that? *For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. (Now watch this.) 14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

Do you know what the Bible says here in First Corinthians 2:14? The natural man (man by nature) can never understand the Bible when he reads it. In Acts 8:30-31 Here is the Ethiopian eunuch. He wants to know God. Philip goes down and joins himself to the chariot. He is reading Isaiah 53. Philip says, *Understandest thou what thou readest? ...he said, he said, How can I, except some man should guide me?* Do you know why Jesus said *Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel...?* Mark 16:15 Do you know why Jesus said, ye shall be witnesses...? Acts 1:8 Because the natural man left to himself may read a gospel tract, read the Bible, come to church and hear the sermon but he just cannot understand how to get saved. He needs someone to explain it to him.

The Bible says here in this verse... the things of God are foolishness to a natural man 1 Corinthians 2:14.

c. He sins by choice. He is not deceived. Man does not need to be taught to sin. Such is his nature. Yet, man cannot claim innocence or ignorance when he does sin. He knew what he was doing in the garden; man knows what he has been doing ever since. God has given man the ability to know right from wrong. In his nature, by denying He is guilty before God. (See note below).

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1 Timothy chapter 2:14 *And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.* Now you know what this verse of scripture teaches? Man sins by choice. We will learn in the next few lessons about the woman may have been misled and deceived into sin. God made the man for leadership, the man knows when he is doing wrong.

Gentlemen, you can never come to that altar and say “*God, I was tricked.*” “*God, the devil blindsided me...*” “*God, I didn’t know any better...*” In Genesis chapter 3 the woman is deceived, we learn later in the scriptures that Adam was not deceived 1 Timothy 2:14. God had spoken directly to Adam; God had put within the conscience of Adam the knowledge of right and wrong, Adam willingly transgressed the commandment of God. He knew exactly what He was doing. You may have seared your conscience through continual denying of God’s commands or inebriated your conscience with drugs or alcohol. You still knew exactly what you were doing, you just did not care what God said. This is what makes those judgments we discussed in past lessons such a dreadful thing. When we stand before God and the secret councils of the heart are laid bare and made manifest... 1 Corinthians 4:5 there isn’t a man among us that will say “I didn’t know better”.

II. THE SOMEWHAT POSITIVE SIDE

- a. Man is given some revelation.
 1. God reveals to man the basics of His law, Romans 2:1-15.
 2. God reveals to man His existence as Deity, Romans 1:19-21; Psalms 19:1-6.
 3. God gives every man enough faith to believe the gospel when he hears it, Romans 12:3.

God has given much revelation to an unsaved man. The Bible says in John 1:4-5 of Jesus Christ that He is the true Light. *In him was life; and the life was the light of men 5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.* Romans 2 is a great chapter on what about the heathen in the jungle that have never heard the gospel.

Romans 2:1-15. Read all and pay close attention to verses 12-15

What did God say? He said if you go to the tribal peoples of Malaysia, or the Aborigines you’ll find laws against murder, stealing and lying, those people have never heard of the Ten Commandments. You say why? Because what God wrote on the tables of stone at Mt. Sinai – he writes on the hearts of every man that is born into this world and when you steal, lie, commit adultery, covet, you know in your heart those things are wrong. God wrote that on your heart when you were born.

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Romans chapter 1, verse 19. *Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.* (what does God reveal to every man?) 20 *...the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:* Do you know what God showed to every man on the face of this earth? There is some being... there is some creator greater than he is. Wherever you may be on the face of this earth, look around... everything you see testifies to a God.

So what do men do? Verse 22 *Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,* 23 *And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.* Evolution is the greatest lie the devil ever dreamed up. What gets better with age? Why does Sea World always try to put the beached whales back into the ocean? If they really believed in evolution they would know that the whale would evidentially grow legs and walk out of the water. But they say they believe only to deny the true God.

b. Man is heterosexual Romans 1:24-27.

Let us look at the second thing that God has revealed in a positive sense... the positive nature of the natural man. Right here in Romans chapter 1. What happens when you reject God? Verse 24. *Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:* 25 *Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.* 26 *For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:* 27 *And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.* ...called AIDS. God said He will punish you in your body for the sin of homosexuality.

In these verses, they left the natural use of the man... you see that? First of all, man by nature knows there is a God and has a conscience that dictates to him the laws of God. Secondly, man by nature is heterosexual.

Do you realize that passage in Romans, if Jesus does not come in the next ten years; that passage in Romans will be outlawed? It will be against the law to read and preach that passage of scripture in the United States of America. If the hate crimes bill that is legal on the books right now is enforced and it will be in the next ten years. So listen to what I'm going to say "no one is born a homosexual." It is not genetic, not inherited, not natural. The natural use of the man is to use the woman and the natural use of the woman is to use the man. I too have heard what the media,

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doctors and psychiatrists tell us, but the Bible, God's word says differently Psalms 119:160.

c. Man has certain natural affections, Romans 1:31.

Thirdly, man has certain natural affections. He says in verse 31 ***Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection...*** Before God gives you up you have certain natural affections. There is nothing wrong with natural affection. You are never too old to stick up for your wife when somebody cusses her. You ought to do it. People today have gone crazy, they would no sooner cuss their own wife out in public as easily as ordering a burger at the take out window. I have stood holding the door for a woman and her children when a man would rush in to be first in line, ***without natural affection***. How many Christians and lost people do you know that have claimed bankruptcy or defaulted on a credit card, ***covenantbreaker***. How many sermons have we sat through where God has touched our hearts about a particular sin, we may have even gone to the altar and asked God to help us stop, but we keep on doing it as though we did not understand, ***without understanding***.

God gives you some natural affection before you get so far that God quits dealing with you. Men still have a little compassion toward children a soft-spot in their heart for women, care towards those that are retarded or in the hospital. They still isolate in prisons, child molesters and those that attack women in solitary confinement even an inmate is angered by that behavior. "Why?" They still have a little natural affection left. There are some things that are positive about a man.

d. Man's conscience makes it possible for him to be taught certain moral principles, 1 Corinthians 11:14-15. ***Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him? 15 But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering.*** There are certain moral principles that you just know naturally are right. You know by nature without anybody preaching to you that a man ought to look like a man and a woman ought to look like a woman. God through your conscience, God through your natural affection... has allowed us the opportunity, even though our bent is to go the wrong way, God will use His Holy Spirit to try pulling us back the other direction and get us to the cross.

The natural man knows right from wrong but he does not understand the concept of good and evil. When he gets saved and begins to deny the flesh, walk in the spirit. God will show him the wages/consequences of wrong and the blessings and rewards of doing right. God will reveal that to him; But not until they get saved.

Notes

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All answers must have scripture back-up to receive full credit.

1. What nature were we all born with?
2. Why is Evolution such a joke?
3. When will God turn a man over to a reprobate mind?
4. Why did Jesus tell us *Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature?*
5. Why does the natural man not understand the Bible?
6. What are the three revelations that God has given to man?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
7. How can people that have never read the Bible, have moral laws?
8. Why can a man never say “I did not know it was wrong”?

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9. Explain 1 Timothy 4:2
10. How do we know that no man is born a homosexual?
11. Explain James 4:17
12. Will the natural man ever understand the Bible?
13. Why would a person continue to sin, even though they knew it was wrong?
14. What is meant by the term "*will bring to light the hidden things of darkness*"?
15. How does God give every man enough faith to believe when he/she hears the gospel?

True/false

- The natural man does not understand things of God.
- The natural man is a child of wrath.
- The natural man can be saved, if we tell him or her.



Memory verses, write these out on the back of this page. (must be in KJV)
1 Corinthians 2:14; Romans 1:28; Psalms 19:1-2

Any questions?