

God & Man:

A Study in Scriptural Theology & Anthropology

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In order to understand who we are as human beings—to understand our constitution, our weaknesses, our purpose, our place in this world—we must understand ourselves as defined by God in Scripture.

The most basic truth about mankind is that we are made in the image of God. Therefore, to truly understand who we are we must understand who we are made to reflect. In this study, you will look God and man in two foundational texts of Scripture: The first three chapters of Genesis, and the first three chapters of Paul’s letter to the Ephesians. Together these six chapters lay the biblical foundation for theology (the study of God) and anthropology (the study of man).

Instructions

1. Read slowly and meditatively through **Genesis 1–3**.
 - In the left-hand column below, write down *everything* each passage says about **God**.
 - Example:
 - God was in the beginning (1:1)
 - God created everything (1:1)
 - God created by speaking (1:3, 6, 9, etc)
 - God named what he created (1:5, 8, etc)
 - What God made was good (1:4, 10, etc)
 - Include the chapter and verse reference for each statement
 - Include clear and significant *implications* of the text—for instance, “God naming day and night implies his authority over it (1:5, 8, etc).”
 - In the right hand column below, write down *everything* each passage says about **man**. Include what God says about man, what man is supposed to do, what man did or does (whether good or bad), etc. Include clear and significant implications of the text—for instance, “God having the man name the animals implies man’s authority over the animal kingdom (2:19).”
2. Repeat this for **Ephesians 1–3**.
3. Once you complete your study and notes for the two passages, organize and summarize your observations in a few significant points and/or subpoints. Your goal is to be able to communicate who God is and who man is in 2-3 minutes.

Genesis 1–3

Who God Is & What He Does

Who Man Is, What He Does, & What He is to Be

Ephesians 1–3

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Summary

Key observations about who God is and what he does:

Key observations about who man is, what he does, and what he is supposed to be: