

Like a Hand in a Glove, Part 2¹

Why were we created? Why was man created in the image of Elohim (Elohim meaning the plurality of God, the three persons of the Godhead)?

Different answers were given, e.g., so that God would have a being He could have fellowship with, so that people could love Him, so that He would have a being that would rule over creation, or so that He would have someone who could represent Him...

So all that He wants is fellowship with man? Why was man made in the image of God? Why is the glove in the image of the hand? What is an *image*? It's a reflection, representative, to look alike in his expression of the Creator. God is spirit, but He made man in His own image.

Gen 1:26-28; 5:1-2 — “Let Us make man in Our likeness.” Who is the Us? It has to be a plurality there. There are three persons, but one essence. That's how man is supposed to be, one in essence, as the Father and the Son. So why was the glove made in the image of the hand? Of what use would a glove be if your hand never fit into it? The glove was made for a purpose.

Man is empty. There is a great void inside of man. Man was created to house Divinity. It is silly to create a glove and never use it. What is missing in man? The hand. That's the void of something. What were you void of in the world? Our Father's Spirit. Elohim was missing in the glove. We understand that. We can use this illustration to speak to people.

Many people say, “I have God.” “So who do you express?” You can see the glove, but not the hand of our Father in it. You can see what the hand is doing through the glove. “So what are all these bad things you are doing, like smoking, drinking, and all kinds of other bad things?”

¹ See also *Like a Hand in a Glove, Part 1* (2005.08.29-P01).

We see how our Master was and model our life after Him. He said, “If you have seen Me, you have seen who is in Me.” He was filled with the Spirit in every “finger” of His glove, every aspect of His being. The whole glove expresses what’s inside.

Why was man created? There is a void in man, in his spirit. Maybe another spirit indwells him. Then he does all kinds of evil things, and says it’s God and misrepresents Divinity. Our Master didn’t do this.

Man in his own self has a certain righteousness in him without the Holy Spirit. He has the ability to choose good over evil, even though he falls short of the glory of God. Fallen man is able to represent what God is like to a certain degree. We, redeemed man, can express Him to the fullest degree. We see our Father’s ultimate intention in creating man. “Why was I created?” were my words when I cried out to Him. I wanted to know.

Man is unable to express the likeness of the Creator in fullness without the Spirit. When we receive the Spirit, He first takes over one part of us, our spirit, and then comes the whole man. He gradually takes the land, every part of our being. Our soul needs to be saved. You can see this in different places in Scriptures, like for example in Jms 5:19-20. If one of us wanders from the truth and falls into error and sin, and someone turns him back from his wrong way, he saves his soul from death and covers a multitude of sins. The glove wasn’t filled, so that’s why he went off in the first place. There was a sin that caused him to veer off, and then a multitude of sins piled up on top of it. That’s why a multitude of sins is covered when someone brings him back to our Master. Then He can continue taking dominion of our whole being — our spiritual, mental, emotional, social, and physical aspects.

The physical aspect of our being is very necessary. Your glory or inner worth is seen in what you say and how you say it, and what you do and how you do it. You can only see a physical display of what’s inside. It represents the unseen. I know what your soul is like by your bodily actions and by what comes out of your mouth. If there is mocking coming out of your mouth what does it indicate? By our words we will be

justified or condemned (Mt 12:35-37). The Holy Spirit is connected to our spirit, our spirit to our soul, and the soul through the brain to our mouth, which communicates to people. The eyes are the window of our soul. If our eye is clear and we can look into each other's eyes, there is nothing to hide. We are in communion, in fellowship, open with our life, and not afraid.

We can see through man what the Creator is like, more than through a tree or anything else in creation. There is no Divinity inside a tree, even though a lot of religions claim that God is in everything. We can express the image of the Creator through our words and through our bodily actions. No one has ever come to know Elohim through a tree, a donkey, a goat, or any other animal. You can see the great creation and know there is a God, but to know Him personally comes through the expression of a people. If He has occupied their soul they can communicate faith, His Spirit through their spirit, through what they say. The Holy Spirit communicates to our spirit, and our spirit to our soul, and then to the brain to bring forth action. (Our mental aspect is in our soul; our brain is just an organ.)

Whoever speaks let it be the utterance of God and whoever serves let it be by His strength (1 Pet 4:10-11). If He is not in charge of our soul it is not He who is speaking. We will be judged by what we say and how we say it (Mt 12:36-37). If we express the utterance of God it is divine glory through humanity. You can see God only through humanity.

Gal 5:22-23 speaks of the fruit of the spirit. This is speaking of man's spirit in oneness with the Holy Spirit. Whoever joins himself to the Sovereign is one spirit with Him (1 Cor 6:17). Our bodily action is activated first by the divine Spirit, who is connected to the human spirit, which is connected to the soul — will, emotions, and intellect. This is such a great, wonderful, and marvelous thing.

If there is no love, there is no God. Of course human beings have a human love, but it is not divine love. Divine love is defined in 1 Jn 3:16, that we would lay down our

lives for each other. This creates unity in the bond of peace, which cannot be broken any way, if we are in that one Spirit. Love causes faith through our spirit and body. You can see something positive in the glove.

The first aspects of the fruit of the spirit are love, joy, and peace. Have you ever seen people like that — people who maintain peace through difficult circumstances? Then come long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. “You can’t be busted for that!” was one of our slogans back in the 70s. There is no law against the fruit of the spirit. If they put you in jail for that, they do it unjustly. Then you will suffer for righteousness’ sake, and you will be blessed. There is no merit in suffering for wrongdoing. Gal 5:19-21 — Then there is the fruit of the flesh, if the Spirit doesn’t possess our soul.

You can see the good fruit expressed through redeemed humanity, with all of their faculties changing into His likeness (2 Cor 3:18). It’s like looking into a mirror — you can see that He is taking over our whole being and we are changing into His likeness. Eventually we see Him. We have many faculties within our own personality, like teachers in school who teach different subjects such as English, math, civics, science, etc. It relates to different activities in our life performed by the hand, the foot, the eye — all the different members of our body. He has to permeate the whole Body.

Mt 13:33 — We can apply this to ourselves or to the Body of Messiah. Leaven permeates every part of the dough. His Spirit permeates every part of us. Dan 2:34-35 — That stone will become a great mountain and fill the whole earth, after our Master returns. Now we are only in sections of the earth. Then the earth will be permeated with righteousness.

1 Cor 5:6-7 — But then there is the old leaven that destroyed the first church. That was negative leaven. From the first and into the second century it leavened the whole church. Then it became bloated, growing bigger and bigger until it covered the

whole earth. Christianity fermented and permeated the whole world. It speaks about the old leaven that we sometimes let in. We can see its effect: it causes division.

Baruch — We are made in the image of our Father. A glove doesn't just have three fingers, but it is fashioned appropriately to fit the hand. Our Father fashioned us to be compatible to Him. Our faculties are compatible to everything our Father is. We are properly equipped to fulfill our purpose if we are filled with Him, the whole glove with all the little fingers. Doesn't it encourage you that we can do His work? We can accomplish something if we are filled with Him.

There are many aspects to working in the kitchen, like cooking, washing vegetables, cleaning, etc. You see five girls working in there and it is like the glove. All their aspects are there.

The physical aspect of our being is what comes out of our mouth. What's in the well comes up in the bucket. The mouth speaks from what fills the heart (Mt 12:34; Lk 6:45). That's why we need to be filled in all aspects of our being and offer our bodies as a living sacrifice (Eph 4:15; Rom 12:1).

Our bodily actions also express our social aspect. Our social development can only happen in the Body. It can't happen in the world, but only in the Body of Messiah, the place where He is. The definition of social is living together in community. We are social creatures. To be restored in your social aspects you have to be immersed into Him, be baptized into Him. We had to cry out in the water for Him to save us, and then we were immersed into the social environment of the Body of Messiah. It might take years for us to grow up, but if we make just a little progress each day, that's great. But if we are stalled or falling back, that's bad.

Barak — The glove always does the will of the hand. I was reading in the Gad entry of the *Intertribal News* (July 2005) that our Master said that His Father always hears Him because He is always doing what pleases Him. Then that was put together with the promise that He will be with us always until the end of the age. He will always be with us and always hear us until the end of the age if we always do the things that are pleasing to Him.

Gamaliel — It is a serious thing to say that our Father is in us. I want to make sure that people see the fruit of the spirit in me.

Havah — I was thankful for that verse about leaven. I fall a lot of times and think, “Oh, that’s just a little thing.” But it just takes a *little* bit of leaven. I don’t want to be like that. It just puffs up and aerates everything. I don’t want to tolerate it.

Wickedness doesn’t mean the wickedness in the world. In the Body, wickedness can be not speaking to your brother. Ignoring someone is the highest form of hatred. The foolish virgins were wicked in that sense. They were not loving.

Migdala — We can judge what spirit we are connected to by what comes out of our mouth. Sometimes it’s hard to admit, but when we open our mouth it is evident. Often I don’t judge what’s inside. It’s like the frog in the boot. It doesn’t belong there. I want to judge what’s in my heart.

Netzak — First our Master filled our spirit, then He goes on to restore our soul — I never understood that before. I don’t want to make it slow for our Master to get to the rest of me. I am thankful we can hear His words every day. We have to fight like the salmon to go upstream and be dedicated to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship.

In Rev 3:20 He was outside knocking, but not outside their spirit. He sealed us. We have eternal life if we are sealed with His Spirit. Our soul will be filled with Him one way or the other. The best way to do it is now, so that we would not be absent from the body and not be present with Him. Something happened and He receded back to our spirit. Only our will can open the door. Our emotions and our intellect can’t do it. They have to be in total agreement with our will.

He never leaves our spirit, but we sup with Him in our soul. In times past we may have been supping with Him, but then something happened that stopped it (Jms 5:19-20). The overcomers in Rev 3:21 are those who open the door. They are not cowards. They allow our Master to come back.

Our Master always overcame. Our Father never left His soul until our sins were placed upon Him. He had to overcome to keep the enemy from coming into His soul. He is our Savior. He can save us. Even if He does leave our soul, we can invite Him back. If

you are being disciplined you are loved by our Father. A child knows he is being loved when he is disciplined.

Hannah — It's of great importance what we fill the glove with. The glove covers and protects what's inside. Very easily something else could be in there. When Shaul was ruling with our Father's Spirit upon him, he was humble. But then he got puffed up and did not have our Father's glory anymore. Our Father couldn't use him anymore. He had to look for someone else from a different tribe. I want to be careful what I allow in the glove.

If anyone allows leaven to come in, it spreads. That was the downfall, the demise of the first church.

David Zerubbabel — It takes a lukewarm environment for the leaven to work.

After singing "Abiding in the Vine"...

We are abiding in the vine, in the cluster where we live. We have fellowship with one another. Our Master didn't make a mistake when He said that about the vine. We live in clusters.

Obadiah — When you said that about how our Master stands at the door I remembered once when you explained that He's not sitting there on a lounge chair, but He's standing, like when Stephen was being stoned. He's totally excited, eagerly waiting there for us to overcome.