

What is Man?

Part 3

Gen 1:26; 5:1-2; Job 4:17 — What is man doing on planet earth? Earth is the only planet in the whole universe that is inhabitable by man or any other creature (Gen 1:28). Who does man think he is? Who does God think man is? What is he supposed to do with himself? Why was man created? Why was everything else created for man? (Psalm 8) Man is the highest thought of God.

Earth is the testing ground where man is put under a severe strain to achieve a specific result. He must be able to withstand examination. God did not make it impossible for man to live by his conscience. All humanity could pass the test if they lived according to the second covenant. Man was placed on earth to ascertain his worth by his subjection to a certain examination of character. All can pass this examination. Even Pharaoh could have passed if he had not hardened his own heart.

So the testing ground is the earth, and the glory of it and all its benefits to man — animal and plant life, water and air, moderate temperatures, rainfall, the growing seasons, etc. As husband-and-wife teams they were to care for planet Earth and other human beings, including their own family members. The husband is tested in his rulership, and the wife in her submission to and desire for her husband (Gen 3:16-19; 9:1-7).

Gen 18:23 and Pr 10:16 contrast the righteous and the wicked. These two groups of people of the nations (gentiles) require separate treatment (Pr 12:10,28; 15:29; 25:26; Rev 22:11).

Planet Earth is man's testing place, in this age as well as the millennial age, before he goes into the universe to fill up every planet (Gen 3:22; Rev 20:7-10; 21:24). The testing of man is not impossible for him to pass. Only the wicked, who choose to violate their own conscience, are considered unworthy.

For the last 6,000 years, earth has been God's testing ground while Satan is alive and well on this planet. Satan will be bound in the next age (Rev 20:3). Then he will be released for a short time to once again deceive the nations, leading them astray (Rev 20:7-10). Then the earth will have served its purpose.

Planet Earth is the only planet that is habitable during this age and the next age (Rev 21:1-2). Then all the planets will be made habitable so that man who has been tested will inhabit the whole expanse of the universe, upon every planet. During this age and the next age, all the rest of the planets of the universe are uninhabitable (Ps 102:26-28; Heb 1:10-12). Then they will be qualitatively changed so as to be inhabitable (Heb 1:12; Ps 102:26). But today, earth is the testing ground for man to prove his character (Gen 3:16-19,22; 9:1-7).

Threshing Floor

Man was given the command to fill the whole earth, so ultimately, once this was accomplished, mankind would need to colonize the other planets (Gen 1:26-28). There were two categories of man — the Righteous and the Holy — who together would accomplish this.

Gen 1:26-28 — What else would happen if the earth was filled up with man? But they could not colonize the nearest planet because the rest of the universe was uninhabitable.

Our Father had an eternal purpose of having a ruling class of man (Isa 9:7; Ps 102:28; Eph 3:21; Dan 7:27; Rev 22:5) to rule over all the humans who would live by Gen 3:16-19 after the Fall, which would test every single man, woman, and even child to prove their worthiness to inherit the kingdom of the nations (Mt 25:34; Rev 21:24; 22:2; Rom 2:6-16; Rev 20:12-15).

So the earth is the testing ground for man while the edah is the testing ground for the Holy, to test our worthiness to enter into the Kingdom for the next age. Our Father,

on Judgment Day, will take into account how all people were raised in their particular culture, their training and discipline by parents, balancing all between parent and child. Some parents think they are doing a good thing by having babies and trying to raise them up to adulthood. Other parents hate their children by not applying discipline, and others love them by spanking them. Pr 13:24 is the standard for all men (Rom 2:14-15).

Many today cross borders without respecting the country they come into (Gen 10:5,20,31,32). They will answer on Judgment Day for crossing territorial boundaries without cause and confusing the territory they illegally entered by hanging on to their own language and culture, manners and customs, and not conforming to the standards of the territory they entered. Legal entry requires an alien to conform to certain standards of language, culture, and morality.

Parents who bring children into the world illegitimately will give answer for how they bring them up. If they don't comply to conscience (Gen 3:22), it would have been better if both parent and child had never been born. Heb 12:7-9 shows a serious mandate to all who produce a child. To bring a child upon the earth which is God's testing ground, is a serious mistake if he is not wanted and cared for so as to raise him up right (Pr 22:6).