



## Lesson 45

### Incomplete

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The counterpart is a subject that encompasses all of earth's history. It includes everyone around the globe. Counterpart is a subject that this movement must understand. In this lesson, we'll study the subject of the counterpart and end with a working knowledge of who we are, what we were made to be, and what we are to do now.

## **The Counterpart**

### **God wants to explain Himself**

What did God want to do? He wanted to explain Himself. He wanted to explain Himself to the angels and all the unfallen beings.

### **Natural to Spiritual**

Parable methodology is the foundation of learning the truth. We use this methodology when we study the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. God's people have been using some form of parable methodology since the beginning- it has just been really refined in our time. One of the most basic forms of parable methodology is the principle of natural to spiritual. This means that something natural (or literal) explains something spiritual (or figurative). An example of this principle can be seen in the parables of Christ: like the parable of the Mustard seed. In that parable Christ used the growth of a natural seed to symbolize the spiritual nature of the Kingdom of God. He created the principle of natural to spiritual, and He used it in His teachings. So, for God to explain Himself He needs something else to do it. He is spiritual, so that something has to be natural.

### **God was incomplete**

God needed something natural to explain Himself. God was also incomplete; He needed something that would answer or correspond to Him, like a puzzle piece, that would make Him complete. It is hard to understand how God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit were incomplete but we will understand how much we can later in this lesson. So at the beginning, God had two objectives: the first was to explain Himself through something natural, and the second was to make a matching piece to make Himself complete.

### **What is a counterpart?**

What is a counterpart? The word counterpart was used for copies of legal documents. The definition of counterpart we will be focusing on is in the Webster's 1828 dictionary; it means, "The correspondent part; the part that answers to another, as the two papers of a contract or indentures; a copy; a duplicate. Also, the part which fits another, as the key of a cipher." On Google, counterpart means, "a person or thing holding a position or performing a function that corresponds to that of another person or thing". A counterpart is the

natural thing God needed to explain Himself. This is also the piece that will correspond to Him and make Him complete.

## **Who is God's counterpart?**

In order to learn about God, the heavenly beings need something natural. That natural thing is something He created and it is His counterpart which means it complements Him. So what is God's counterpart? Human beings. Ellen White says in the second paragraph of *Review and Herald* June 18, 1895 that, "Man was the crowning act of the creation of God, made in the image of God, and designed to be a counterpart of God; but Satan has labored to obliterate the image of God in man, and to imprint upon him his own image." She also says in *1888 Materials* page 1430.2 that, "The Lord Jesus Christ is the author of our being, and he is also the author of our redemption, and everyone who will enter the kingdom of God will develop a character that is the counterpart of the character of God. None can dwell with God in the holy heaven but those who bear his likeness." We are the counterpart of God and He planned to use us to further explain Himself to all of the other created beings in Heaven.

## **In God's image**

Adam was made in God's image. Humans were the missing piece that were made to be God's counterpart. Adam wasn't supposed to be God's counterpart himself though, God's complete counterpart was Adam and Eve. But why didn't God create Adam and Eve at the same time? The answer is simple. Adam and Eve were to be each other's counterpart. When God made Adam He didn't have a counterpart, so if God wanted Adam to be in His image, God had to create Adam counterpart-less like He was, that was God's image. Adam was created alone to demonstrate how God was. This is also proof that God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit were incomplete; God made Adam incomplete and since he was in God's image, God had to be incomplete too. God needed a counterpart and that's why He made humans- Adam is proof of that. When God created Eve, He was displaying what they (Adam and Eve) were created to do- be His counterpart. Adam and Eve were counterparts, and through them God demonstrated how much He wanted a counterpart.

## **The fall**

In Genesis chapter 3, Adam and Eve fell. They were in a perfect state before the fall. But Satan, in the form of a snake (a flying snake), convinced Eve to pick and taste the fruit. She then went and offered a taste to Adam. They both sinned by eating the forbidden fruit. It was not long after that God came to visit. He knew what they had done, but, asked them about it anyway. They began pointing the finger. God pronounced judgment on Adam, Eve, and the snake (now no longer a flying snake), and He kicked them out of the garden of Eden. Because of the fall, Adam and Eve were not only sinful, but they ceased to be God's counterpart.

## **Why Jesus came to Earth?**

Because of the fall Jesus came to Earth. He came to do two things. First, He came to die for our sins so we can be forgiven. Second, He came to give us a living (natural) example of God's character in the way He lived. This is the most important reason He came. In order to be God's counterpart we need to be like Him. Jesus' life gives a clearer example of what God looks like. To be saved we need to look like Jesus (according to what He has revealed up to our time). When our character is like Jesus' we are God's counterpart. But we know, as well, that we will continue to grow (even in Heaven) and so we will become a more and more perfect counterpart of God. Jesus came to Earth to give us more help on how we are to become God's counterpart.

## **Humans are each other's counterpart**

God created humans to be His counterpart, but there's more than that. While we are on Earth, we have duties to do. Adam and Eve had two roles: becoming God's counterpart and being each other's counterpart. The same is for us and all humans. We are to be each other's counterpart. Counterpart simply means matching or agreeing. We have to match and agree with our fellow humans. We can't treat other's bad because that's not agreeing. This is the 4 and the 6 (commandments). The first 4 commandments are our duty to God- becoming His counterpart. The last 6 commandments are our duty to each other- being each other's counterpart. We aren't to keep the 4 or the 6, but all 10.

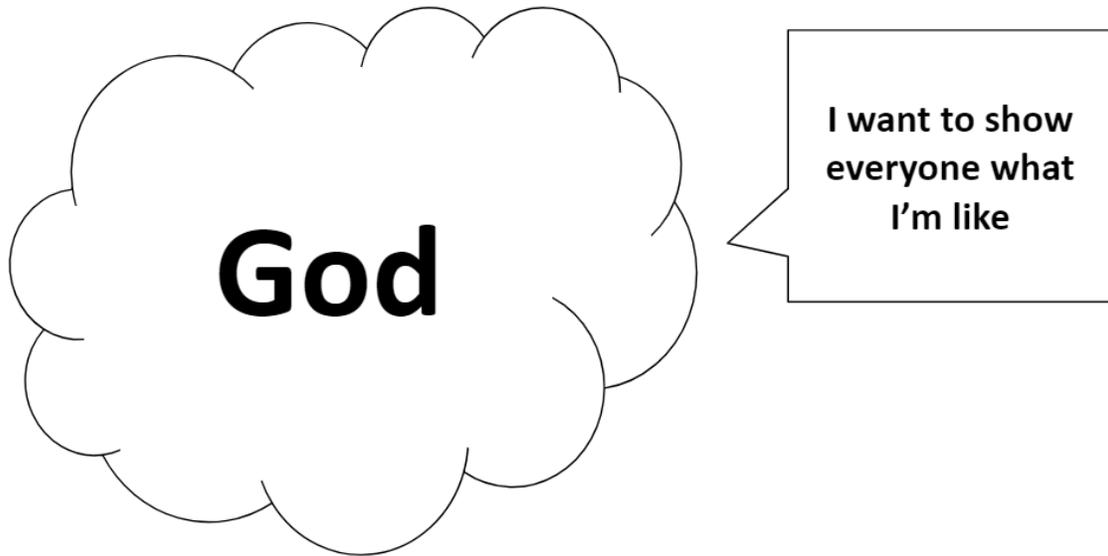
## **The five relationships**

The five human relationships show us our relationship with each other. The five relationships are the relationship between a master and slave, between siblings, between a husband and wife, between parents and a child, and between friends. Those five relationships show us how we are each other's counterpart.

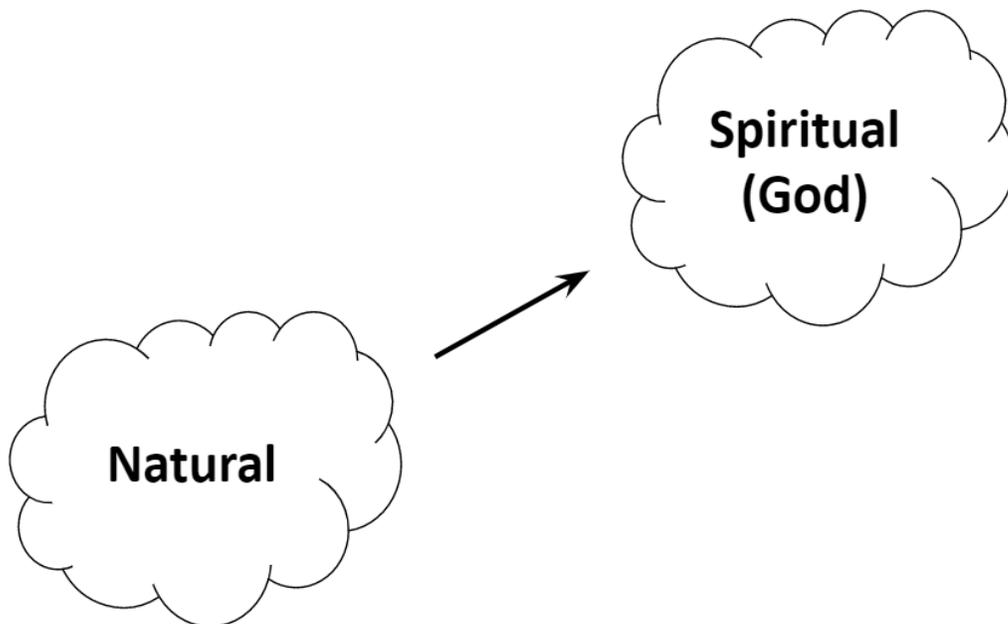
## **The end will be better**

We can still, and are supposed to become God's counterpart. We are to reflect His character. The fall of Adam and Eve, and the effects of sin after that did not destroy God's original plan. Sin was just a short divergent off that course. But the end of God's plan of creating human beings will be a little different now, than it would have been if sin had not entered the universe. When we are fully God's counterpart, as close to His character as we can get, we will be more of His counterpart. We will be closer to Him than we would have been if Adam and Eve had not sinned. In the *Desire of Ages* 25.3 Ellen G. White says, "It was Satan's purpose to bring about an eternal separation between God and man; but in Christ we become more closely united to God than if we had never fallen." Because of sin God's counterpart will reflect His character more perfectly and the heavenly beings will know more perfectly who He is.

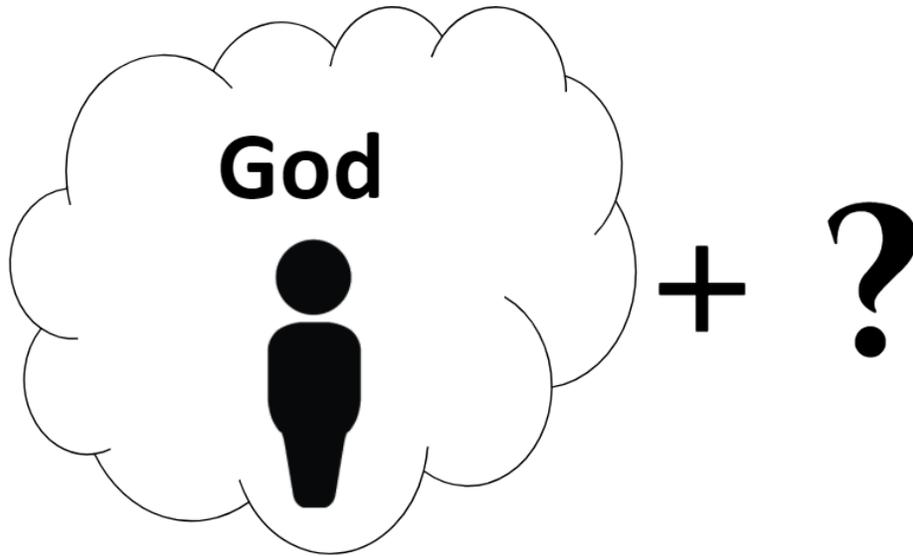
God wanted to explain himself



God explains the spiritual through something natural



God was also incomplete



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## Counterpart

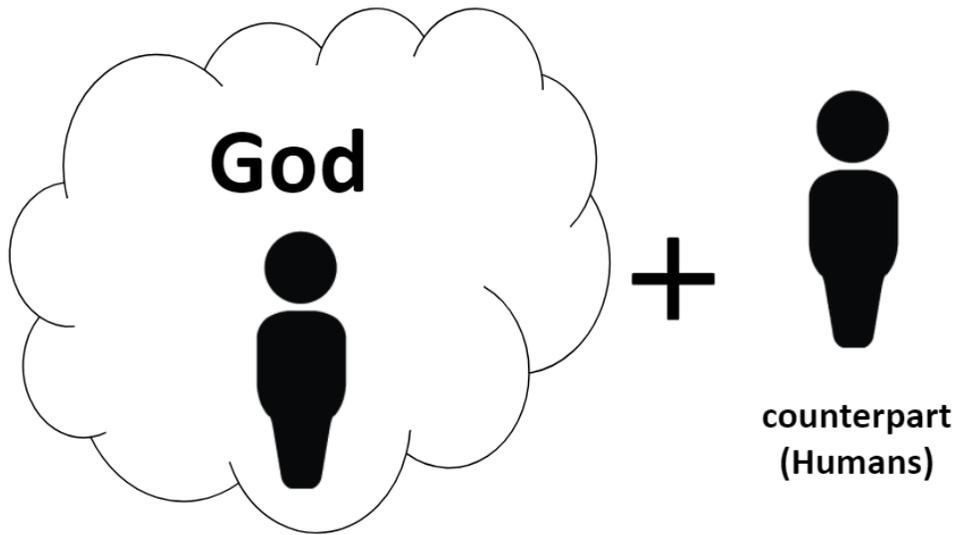
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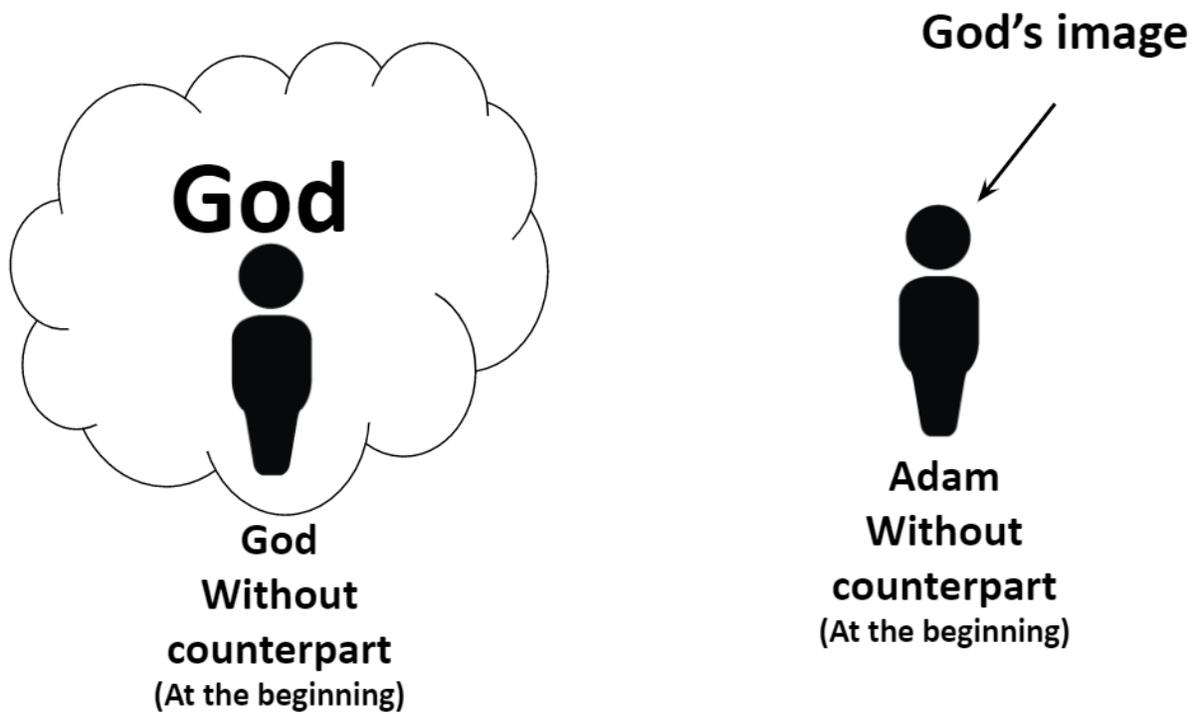
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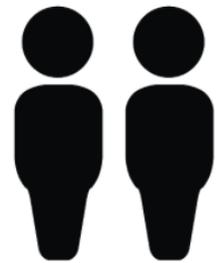
God's counterpart is the human race



Adam was made without a counterpart like God

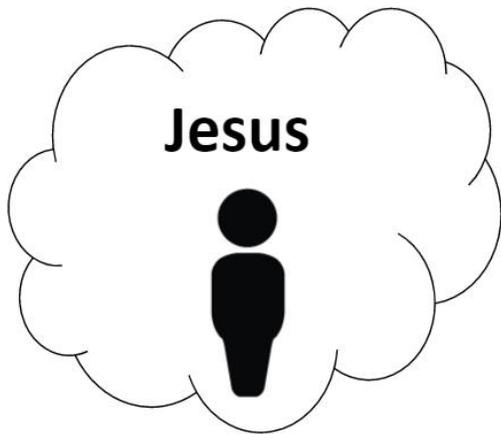


Adam and Eve were no longer God's counterpart when they sinned



Adam and Eve

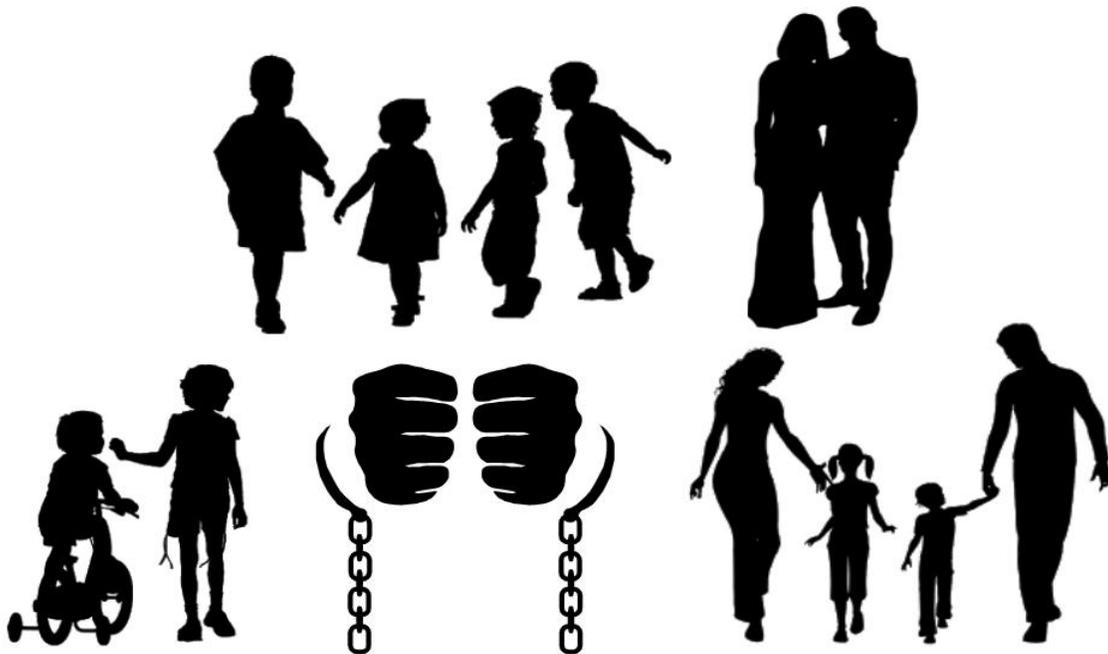
Jesus came to earth to ensure He gets His counterpart



Besides being God's counterpart,  
humans are each other's counterpart



The five relationships tell us how we are each other's counterpart



# The end will be better



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