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## **Biblical Psychology**

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**“The truth about man”**

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## Introduction: "The truth about man"

Welcome to this years series "The truth about" ... The premiss is "A Bible believer" is someone who believes what the Bible teaches **1 Corinthians 2:9-16**.

The challenge comes from the natural man human nature and thinking **Romans 8:5-6**, which is governed by the spirit of man. ( Not by the Holy Ghost and the Word of God )

### A. The truth about man (1) Beginning.

1. We must start at the beginning:
2. **Genesis 1:1-2 and Job 38:1-7**. ( the oldest book, written after Noahs flood, as the first five books were written by Moses.)
3. We have the sons of God, were created before man.

#### Note:

**Man is created to become a living soul, not as a spiritual being, which are called ministering sprits **Hebrews 1:14**.**

#### **Genesis 2:7**

*And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.*

#### Statement

When God was manifest in the flesh, **Hebrews 1:5** didn't take on the nature of Angles, but the seed of Abraham..

#### **Hebrews 2:16**

*For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.*

#### **1 Corinthians 15:45**

*And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.*

4. **Man is three part: Not like the Angles and the Animal kingdom.**

#### **1 Thessalonians 5:23**

*And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

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## 5. Jesus Christ was born with a soul..

### **Psalms 16:10**

*For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.*

### **Acts 2:27**

*Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption*

## 2. The sons of God (

### **Job 38:7**

*When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?*

### 1. Are seen in three different times:

1. At the beginning of creation **Job 38:1-7**
2. As those that left their first estate **Genesis 6:1-3**

### **Jude 1:6**

*And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.*

### 3. And the remainder turn up in the book of Job after **Noahs flood.**

### **Job 1:6**

*Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.*

### **Note:**

Satan has lost his position and has fallen, this was a tearing down and probably a war where in **Genesis 1:1-2** the earth is without form and is void, as from the expression of the shout in **Job 38:1-7...**

### **2 Peter 3:5-7**

*For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:*

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*But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.*

## **Lesson**

There is a lesson that you need to understand, if the earth can be destroyed: God can reconstruct, or put back to it original purpose: When God redeems man through salvation, man in Jesus Christ is far better than man in the garden. God purpose for the earth was for man habitation, as where Angels habitation was Heaven.

But the angles that left their first estate can not be redeemed but are in chains of darkness **Jude 1:6**

2. From the foundation of the world **Hebrews 1:10, Job 38:7** and **Ephesians 1:3-4...** we were seen in Jesus Christ (The corner stone )
3. Man is created on the sixth day: In Mary's genealogy Adam is called son of God...

## **Luke 3:38**

*Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God.*

4. Man is at the top of tree when it comes to creation: spirit, soul and body "flesh and blood" **Hebrews 2:6-17**

## **B. The truth about man (2) Purpose.**

We have discovered that man was created after the "sons of God" Morning stars and doesn't appear until the sixth day of God reconstructing the earth ( Of which Adam is called the son of God)

### **Note:**

It is important to understand that by faith the doctrine of **2 Peter 3:1-15** and **Genesis 1:2.** ( Don't be ignorant) In **Job 38:7** The cornerstone is mentioned, a picture of Jesus Christ...

## **John 1:1-2**

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.*

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There are three books in your Bible that start with God: **Genesis 1:1**, **John 1:1** and the Book of **Hebrews 1:1** "God in sundry times "

## 5. The earth is the centre of Gods dealings.

1. Sin began in Heaven **Isaiah 14:7**.
2. Satan looses the Crown and Estate. ( Earth bound )

### **Job 1:6-8**

*Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them. And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?*

*( Ezekiel 28:12-16 )*

### Lesson

Satan is limited to what God will allow.....**1 Peter 5:8**..Satan wanted to lift himself up, he wanted more than God gave him...Pride  
But God has given the crown to Adam:

### **Genesis 1:28**

*And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*

### **Note:**

In **Genesis 6:1-8**, the fallen Angels with fallen man causes God Judgment: But because of one man Noah...the earth and man are spared and what God said to Adam he says to Noah... "Replenish"

### **Genesis 9:1**

*And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.*

3. God puts man in the Garden of Eden: **Genesis 2:8ff**
  1. Adam has the rule with Eve..
  2. Man and God are in fellowship ( **Genesis 3:8** )

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3. Man is given one commandment [Genesis 2:15-17](#)..

1. Man is made in the image of God, but man is not God, he is created in innocence, and when man falls from that estate is where the trouble begins..

## Note:

God boundaries [Genesis 3:24](#) are there to protect man, are not there as if God wants to hold something back from man...[Genesis 3:5](#) suggested by the serpent...

## C. The truth about man (3) Will.

Before we go on we need to look at the subject about the will...Man has been given the crown, man is in fellowship with God, and God has the rule by one command...and man is created in Gods image [Genesis 1:26-27](#).

1. This will make man a target as concerning Satan...who wants to rule.
2. The fellowship is based on a free will..

## [Revelation 4:11](#)

*Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.*

3. The *serpent* ( Satan is behind ) is there to create doubt, and to create a sense that rules from a place of darkness:

## [John 8:44](#)

*Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*

## [1 John 1:5](#)

*This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.*

## [1 John 4:7](#)

*Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is*

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*born of God, and knoweth God.*

4. Man has a free will because the nature of God is love:
5. Satan introduces deceit ....which was not found in the garden:
6. Satan throws a stone in the pond, "the word not" **Genesis 2:17** and **Genesis 3:4**
7. Both eat freely by their own will...( The Devil did not make them..)
8. Remember Satan wants to rule **Isaiah 14:12** and wants subjects to follow His rule..
9. Satan created a void, that some how God was holding back from them..

## **Note:**

The word innocent means, that you can't be found guilty without the knowledge of good and evil. But in innocence man choose evil over good. They had the knowledge not too: ( God can't lie, because there is no darkness in Him...God is Light )

10. The sin of unbelief is the root of mans problems:

## **Hebrews 3:12**

*Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.*

1. The first thing man does is to depart:

## **Genesis 3:8**

*And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.*

## **Note:**

Man chooses to cover up and hide, but man also has a free will where instead of covering up could have called out..

2. Man has forgotten, that God was for man, in the purpose of creation and Eden **Genesis 1:28**...but now they are hiding..

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## **D. The truth about man (4) Disposition.**

### **1. The Knowledge of good and evil came at a great cost ...( Death )**

#### **Romans 8:6**

*For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.*

2. Man did not have a carnal nature, they were children of light, and God does not fellowship with darkness ( God is light )
3. Man in the garden gravitated towards God, but now man gravitates from where God created him from..

#### **Genesis 2:7**

*And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.*

### **4. Eden was a kingdom, of light and fellowship..**

1. No darkness, sorrow or death.
2. Satan upsets the pond by through it in the one stone “not”

#### **2 Corinthians 11:3**

*But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.*

3. Man disposition changes...**Genesis 3:6-24**
  1. Guilt, coverup and blame...
  2. Gods fault **Genesis 3:12.**

#### **Romans 8:7-8**

*Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.*

#### **Note;**

Satan character changed towards God and so does man. Both Satan and man gravitate downwards, from Heaven, to man be coming earth...

3. As where Adam and Eve we're children of light, they could stand in the presence of God.

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1. The experience of "Guilt" shame and fear are new to them..
2. Man has a conscience ( Knowledge ) and the word guilt is associated with the word knowledge ...of right and wrong.
3. But man covers up guilt by fig leaves and the fig leaves of Balme...( New behaviour of cover up )

Lesson:

Who fault is it? Mans or Gods...some would say it is Gods fault because God knew what man would do...

## **Genesis 2:17**

*But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.*

## **Isaiah 55:8**

*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.*

## **Ephesians 1:3-4**

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:*

## **5. Gods righteousness has a plan...**

1. Man is now out of order ( Disorder )

Statement;

To understand the truth about man, can only be understood by way of comparison that mans deposition in the garden gravitated upward, where man has a disposition that gravitates towards the creation of the earth

## **Romans 1:16-32**

6. God never created anything that was out of order such as **Genesis 1:2** and **Genesis 1:26**
7. It is said about creation and mans disposition.

Romans 8:21-22

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*Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.*

Note:

Man loses his estate and becomes loyal to himself and the estimation of himself..( selfishness and pride )

**Job 41:34**

*He beholdeth all high things: he is a king over all the children of pride.*

**Lesson:**

The next lesson is that man loses his estate ...( As the angels that lost their first estate are in chains of darkness, man will not be able to get back from where he has fallen from...( The fallen nature has fallen short of the Glory of God..

**Romans 3:23**

*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

The term for man in the New Testament ....is the natural man referring to his fall...

**1 Corinthians 2:14**

*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.*

**E. The truth about man (5) Estate.**

1. Man as we inherits the fallen nature of Adam, and those that were saved by water ( Noah ) still have the same nature.

**Note:**

It do-not matter about a person status, wealth, position or authority, or of those we lift up because of their talent success, failure or lot...we have all inherited the same nature of selfishness, self willed, self importance and have the potential of a seared conscience...

**1 Timothy 4:2**

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*Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;*

2. **Man has lost the crown and mans dominion and relationship become harder** **Genesis 3:7ff**
1. **Man leans towards darkness because he is no longer in a kingdom light, but one of darkness, sin, sorrow and death.**

## **John 3:19**

*And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.*

## **Ephesians 2:2**

*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. Man loose Eden
4. Man loses the right to the tree of eternal life eternal life **Genesis 2:15-17/ 3:24**
5. Man is given a shortened temporal life..
6. Man can't touch or regenerate his fallen nature

### **Note:**

Man disposition will not allow him to get back to the place where he has fallen from **Genesis 3:21**.

## **Genesis 3:15**

*And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*

### **III**

There are three trees in the Bible...two in the garden and the other at Calvary. ( The Innocent for the guilty, man left the garden by transgression, but Jesus Christ opens the door back to being in a state of innocent...

## **Galatians 3:13**

*Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us:*

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*for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:*

7. The boundary for man v24 is for his benefit mans benefit/ salvation is God redeeming man in Christ Jesus.

## F. The truth about man (6) Lost.

1. Man died spiritually: **Romans 8:6-8** and **1 Corinthians 2:9-16**.
  1. Man is not left alone without a witness...( Man is with out excuse lesson 7 )
  2. The word lost is also connected with the word unbelief..
    1. The serpent attacked belief...

### Lesson:

The word unbelief always ends up with man departing form God and the belief is when man returns to God **Romans 8:6-7** and **2 Corinthians 4:3-4**

3. When mans eyes were opened.. ( Important )

### **Genesis 3:6-7**

*And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.*

4. Mans relationship has changed, because mans estimation of himself doesn't see that something innocent has to die for the guilty **Geneses 3:20-21...**
5. Mans relationship is demonstrated with the two offerings of Cain and Abel **Genesis 4:1-8**
6. Chains pride wouldn't allow him to get the offering that God was pleased with.
  1. One offering restores the relationship with God by faith.

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2. The other offering ends up in murder...( Religion has caused more wars, from emotion of self righteousness and hate...

## **1 John 3:15**

*Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.*

## **1 John 2:9-11**

*He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.*

**( Correction is not rejection )**

### **Lesson:**

Because man is Lost, it is going to take Gods light to reveal that man is lost....Jesus warned against mans light..

## **Matthew 6:23**

*But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!*

## **Luke 11:35**

*Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness.*

### **Note:**

The contrast is found in ....( Out of order )

## **Isaiah 5:20**

*Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!*

### **Conclusion:**

We saw mans attempt with the fig leaves because mans disposition had changed from standing in the presence of God, to man being cast out from the presence of God into a kingdom of darkness rather than one of Light, as there is no darkness in God, God is Light.

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Gods plan is to reopen mans eyes from unbelief....

## 2 Corinthians 4:3-4

*But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*

## Romans 4:25

*Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.*

## G. The truth about man (7) Without excuse.

### Introduction: Genesis 4:1-8

Cain could have done well/ so therefore he is without excuse ...The heredity nature from Adam has caused man become loyal to mans **estimation** of himself, believes that he can climb the ladder from where he once had fallen from. The deception is to believe that man can regenerate his fallen nature:

( The Garden of Eden, has been shut by the determinate counsel of God, where by the tree of life was protected...)

### Acts 2:23

*Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: ( Third tree of the cross )*

### Genesis 3:24

*So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.*

### Note:

The road back will be Contrary to mans nature of pride and self will....(**Cain** )

### Genesis 4:6-7

*And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.*

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1. The point is man's will is in tact, but mans nature is governed by a carnal mind, which lends itself to pride, and self will..

## Romans 8:6-8

*For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.*

## Statement

God said that man would die: Man died spiritually and the carnal mind is not subject to the things of God.

1. the spirit of man is connected the mind..1 Corinthians 2:9-16
2. there is the soul of man, is where our will, and conscience are seated..

## John 1:8-9

*He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.*

## Note:

Man was made a living soul when God breathed into his nostrils, so the soul of man is the seat of our will and conscience of God Himself...we made after His image..

The conscience can be seared by unbelief, and the covering up behaviour of self justification

## 1 Timothy 4:2

*Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;*

## Hebrews 3:12

*Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.*

2. the Body of man is a temporal temple of the Soul..
  1. The body is perishing because it made of dust...
  2. The judgment of Genesis 3...dictates a temporal life, "The tee of life cannot be freely eaten but is kept from man Genesis 2:16-18.

## Lesson

Mans fall is seen in Romans, where man chooses to worship the creation from where he was created from...

So they are without excuse...Romans 1:17-32

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1. Paul talks about the righteousness of God..
2. Paul then introduces mans accountability to truth v18
3. Paul refers to the consciences of the Soul v19.
4. Paul makes clear that creation is a picture of the invisible v20. ( Mans understanding is from the creation, as in the garden it was a given )
5. Paul talks about the carnal mind ( gravities to the earth ) v21
  1. Unbelief and darkness go together/ as faith and light go together.
6. Paul talks about the wisdom from the knowledge of good and evil v22.

## Genesis 3:6

*And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.*

### Note

Because God is light, God is not influenced by evil ( Darkness )of which God created..Isaiah

7. Mans gravitation ends up in this kind of worship v23. ( Man exalts the creation and not the creator, as man believes that he comes from nature a natural way rather a supernatural fact...)
8. Paul reveals the disorder of the carnal nature and heredity nature of Adams fallen race v24.
9. Paul reveals that man changes the truth v25.

### Note:

Satan believes his own lie, he the Father of it and the lie is that he will rule...( Sin )

10. Paul reveals that God gives man over to his own free will and carnal mind.. 26-31.
11. Paul reveal that the desire of man is continually evil v32.

### Note:

The angles that left their first estate [Genesis 6:1-8..](#)

## Statement

[There was one man who believed God..](#)

## 1 Peter 3:20

*Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.*