

Every Human Life Is Founded On Spirit

Genesis 1:26-27 [New King James] *“Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”*

Until we understand what was the eternal God’s plan we cannot understand who and what we are and why we exist as physical human beings.

The Hebrew word translated “*image*” is “*tselem*” meaning resemblance, a shadow of, the outward form, material representation.

This is the description of every human being, and this is all we will remain until the second part of each human being is created, which we do **not** receive at our physical birth, [see **verse 17**].

This is because a completely different aspect of God’s plan for humanity is being referred to.

The Hebrew word used is completely different, “*demûwth*” meaning manner, attributes, model, character.

As we know, character is only developed as we spend time with the person whose character we wish to reflect, in this case the very character of the Creator God.

Genesis 2:7 [New King James] *“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 being.”*

In addition to the breath of life God breathes into us, so that we become a living being, God’s Word reveals to us that another spirit is involved in the physical creation of every human being.

To distinguish this spirit from the Holy Spirit, Who is One Person of the Triune God, I call this spirit the “*human spirit*” because this is what makes us different to every other physical animal.

Zechariah 12:1 [New King James] *“The burden of the word of the LORD against Israel. Thus says the LORD, who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him:”*

The giving of this spirit entity to human beings is part of the physical creation.

Daniel 4:24-37 [New King James] *“this is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the Most High, which has come upon my lord the king: they shall drive you from men, your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make you eat grass like oxen. They shall wet you with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over you, till you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses. And inasmuch as they gave the command to leave the stump and roots of the tree, your kingdom shall be assured to you, after you come to know that Heaven rules. Therefore, O king, let my advice be acceptable to you; break off your sins by being righteous, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor. Perhaps there may be a lengthening of your prosperity. All this came upon King Nebuchadnezzar. At the end of the twelve months he was walking about the royal palace of Babylon. The king spoke, saying, ‘Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honour of my majesty?’ While the word was still in the king’s mouth, a voice fell from heaven: ‘King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: the kingdom has departed from you! And they shall drive you from men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. They shall make you eat grass like oxen; and seven times shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses.’ That very hour the word was fulfilled concerning Nebuchadnezzar; he was*

driven from men and ate grass like oxen; his body was wet with the dew of heaven till his hair had grown like eagles' feathers and his nails like birds' claws. And at the end of the time I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my understanding returned to me; and I blessed the Most High and praised and honoured Him who lives forever: for His dominion is an everlasting dominion, and His kingdom is from generation to generation. All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; He does according to His will in the army of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His hand or say to Him, 'What have You done?' At the same time my reason returned to me, and for the glory of my kingdom, my honour and splendour returned to me. My counsellors and nobles resorted to me, I was restored to my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added to me. Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all of whose works are truth, and His ways justice. And those who walk in pride He is able to put down."

This recorded part of the life of the King Nebuchadnezzar shows us exactly what happens when this "human spirit" is taken from us; our life will revert to that of an animal.

Job 32:8 [New King James] *"But there is a spirit in man, and the breath of the Almighty gives him understanding."*

This "human spirit" is the result of a direct act of the Creator God, His breathing it into us, Hebrew word used is "neshâmâh" meaning breath.

The result of this action is the receiving of understanding, the Hebrew word used is "bîynâh" from a root word ["bîyn"] meaning to separate mentally, or distinguish, understand, consider, discern, be prudent, perceive, think [meditate on], view wisely.

Proverbs 20:27 [New King James] *"The spirit of a man is the lamp of the LORD, searching all the inner depths of his heart."*

Just how much the Creator God understands the "real" you is expanded in Psalms 139:1-17.

The key as to how the Creator God uses this indwelling "human spirit" is shown in Paul's first letter to the Church in Corinth.

1 Corinthians 2:11 [New King James] *"For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God."*

First the Creator God has placed the "human spirit" in every human being, giving them, as we have seen, the ability to consider, discern and think, on a physical level.

This gives the Creator God a platform on which He can work through the Holy Spirit, to reveal things that a person who has **only** the "human spirit" could ever understand.

1 Corinthians 2:12 [NIV] *"We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us."*

Referring to every true Christian who has an active Holy Spirit directing their lives; without the Holy Spirit you are not a true Christian, only one in name, not a potential disciple of Jesus Christ or a potential "born again" child of God, [John 3:1-8].

It is through the "human spirit" that the Holy Spirit will lead us into all truth, [**John 16:13**] and bring that truth into our minds when we need it to make wise decisions in our lives, [**John 14:26**].

Most important is that the Holy Spirit, when we allow Him access to our "human spirit" and follow His lead, will develop "fruits" of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Galatians 5:22-25 [New King James] *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those*

who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."

Note these "fruits" of the Holy Spirit are the very characteristics of the eternal God we worship.

This is how the Creator God develops His "likeness" [Genesis 1:26] in us as a preparation to giving us the gift of eternal life, [Romans 6:23].

Only those who accept His way of life will be acceptable in the coming Kingdom [family grown large] of created children of God.

John 17:3 [New King James] *"And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."*

A definition of what eternal life is. The Greek word translated "know" is "ginōskō" that indicates a very close and intimate relationship, for the same word is translated "know" in Luke 1:34.

Ecclesiastes 3:9-11 [New King James] *"What profit has the worker from that in which he labours? I have seen the God-given task with which the sons of men are to be occupied. He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end."*

Note "put eternity in their hearts." If we are honest with ourselves we cannot accept not existing.

The addition of an active Holy Spirit in our lives through our "human spirit" will lift all of our lives to a higher level, upwards towards the God plane of eternal life.

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Once this active indwelling of the Holy Spirit has happened and we are not "quenching" His work [1 Thessalonians 5:19] or "grieving Him," [Ephesians 4:30] both of these scriptures are in context with the attitudes of mind that cause the Holy Spirit to be "quenched" or "grieved."

Once this has happened the old dividing line between the secular and spiritual is removed.

Every thought and act becomes spiritual as the very mind and will of the Creator God is revealed to us.

A life lived, being led by the Holy Spirit, [Galatians 5:25] the very "Spirit of Jesus Christ in us," [John 14:15-18] note "I will come to you," Jesus Christ speaking, [verse 18].

Such a life in Jesus Christ becomes in the true sense a life of unceasing prayer, [1 Thessalonians 5:17].

Words are verbal prayers, thoughts become mental prayers, deeds become prayers in action.