

What is man?

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Introduction

1. Psalm 8:5; Hebrews 2:5-18
2. This question has many answers
 - a. To the evolutionist man is an animal striving upward
 - b. To the behaviorist man is a machine
 - c. The epicurean man is to enjoy himself
 - d. The stoic man is a creature of fate
 - e. From my daughter, "He is the headache of woman."
3. There is only one source for the answer to this question, the Bible
4. How does the Bible answer this question.

II Discussion

1. Man was created
 - a. In the image of God Genesis 1:26-27
 - b. In purity and innocence Genesis 2:25
 - c. To have dominion Genesis 1:26; Hebrews 2:7-8
 - d. To work Genesis 2:15; 3:17-19
2. Man fell
 - a. Man had one law that we know of. Genesis 2:16-17
 - b. Man was deceived by Satan Genesis 3:1-6; 1 Timothy 2:14
 - c. Man lost his state Genesis 3:16-19; 9:2; Isaiah 59:1-2
 - d. Yet not all things are controlled by man
 - i. The way the world goes Hebrews 1:3
 - ii. Death 1 Corinthians 15:25-26
 - iii. The second coming Matthew 24:36
3. Man redeemed
 - a. Jesus tasted death for every man Hebrews 2:9
 - b. Jesus is the captain of our salvation vs 10
 - c. Jesus is not ashamed to call them brethren vs 11-13
 - d. Jesus destroyed him that had power of death, that is the devil Vs 14
 - e. Jesus became the seed of Abraham Vs 16
 - f. Jesus makes reconciliation for our sins Vs 17
 - g. Jesus can succor us Vs 18
 - h. The price paid manifests the worth of man. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 2 Corinthians 9:15; John 3:16

III Conclusion

1. The man in our text stands for all of mankind
2. All men have fallen Romans 3:9,23
3. You have fallen and are in need of a redeemer
4. Why not let Jesus take care of your sins now!

Source: Great Lessons from Hebrews and James by Andrew Connally; Denton Lecture on Hebrews p. 341; Sermon outline series Doctrinal sermon Outlines by Burriss Butler p. 43

