



WHY STUDY THE BIBLE?

It is the Instruction Manual from God.

Lesson 3B - What is the Purpose of the Bible

TO ANSWER THE QUESTION, "WHO IS MAN"

Psalm 8:3-6 - When I look up at your skies, at what your fingers made— the moon and the stars that you set firmly in place— what are human beings that you think about them; what are human beings that you pay attention to them? You've made them only slightly less than angels, crowning them with glory and grandeur. You've let them rule over your handiwork, putting everything under their feet [See also Genesis 1:1-31]

1. What is the most important thing that God created? _____
2. Yes No Do you think God would make something that was going to be worthless?
3. What was the purpose of all the other stuff created? _____

A Few Thoughts

- *In Genesis 1:1, the phrase "in the beginning" does not mean the beginning of God; it means the beginning of the creation process. [See also John 1:1]*
- *No item in the physical creation benefited God at all; it all benefited the purpose of mankind.*
- *God did not need the earth, the heavens, the light, the waters, the animals to exist. MAN DID.*

Isaiah 40:28-31 - Have you not known? Have you not heard? The EVERLASTING GOD, THE LORD, THE CREATOR OF EVERYTHING IN EVERY DIRECTION, He does not and will not ever be weary and faint.... MAN WON'T EITHER.

4. According to Genesis 1:1, when did man begin? _____
5. According to Isaiah 40:28, when did God begin? _____
6. When God decided that it was time for mankind to begin, what did God do to get ready for him? (Gen. 1:1-31) _____

Ecclesiastes 12:13 - Here is the bottom line - WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF MAN'S EXISTENCE? This is all man exists for: Fear God and keep His commandments.

7. What is the purpose of man's existence?
_____ and _____

Genesis 1:25 - And God saw that all He had created for the first six days was good.

[His home was ready]

Genesis 1:26 - The God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness."

[His character was ready]

Genesis 1:26 - God also said, "Let man have dominion over all the earth, and over everything on the earth."

[His purpose was ready]

8. Yes No Did God ever intend for man to have anything less than the best?
9. Yes No Did God ever intend for God & man to be anything less than intimate?
10. Yes No Did God ever intend for man to have no purpose & to be worthless?
11. Yes No After man saw his great home (the garden), and after God gave him a woman, and after God clearly warned man of the dangers to avoid, DID GOD FORCE MAN TO ENJOY THE HOME, ENJOY GOD'S PERSON, AND ENJOY HIS PURPOSE?

- *God created man IN HIS IMAGE. That means "man can reflect the character of God" to all.*
- *"Reflecting God" with my life means "my life is pointing at God". [His image in me does that.]*
- *A life that points at nothing is insignificant, meaningless, and without value & worth.*
- *The moment I was created, I had that "image of God". My ability to reflect God is forever.*
- *The sin that I inherited has fogged up God's image in my living. Jesus came to clean me.*
- *WHO IS MAN? - GOD'S CREATION MADE FOR A FOREVER PURPOSE BEFORE TIME BEGAN.*