

"MAN LIVING IN THE IMAGE OF GOD"

GENESIS 2

I. PRIOR TO THE ENTRANCE OF SIN, MAN MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD WAS IN DIRECT, UNBROKEN COMMUNION AND FELLOWSHIP WITH HIS CREATOR

- A. Its Uniqueness: Of All The Earthly Creatures, Man Alone Was Given The Privilege of Direct Communication From God
- B. Its Privilege: Of All The Earthly Creatures, Man Alone Enjoyed "*Immediate*" Access To God
 - 1. No Intermediary Of Any Kind Was Necessary
 - 2. Vividly Depicted In Genesis 3:8
- C. Its Application: Why Is This "*Immediate*" Communion No Longer In Existence?
 - 1. Perhaps A Better Question Would Be: Would Man React Positively Or Even Care If It Were Still This Way?
 - 2. We're Given Two Scenes That Demonstrate The Level Of Cooperation That Existed Between Man, God And The Rest Of Creation (2:19, 23).
 - a. It Was Instinctive
 - b. It Was Intelligent
 - c. It Was Free
 - 3. Something Has Changed Causing A Disruption To The Previous "*Immediacy*"

II. PRIOR TO THE ENTRANCE OF SIN, MAN MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD, ENJOYED A MORE PERFECT RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER MEN, PARTICULARLY IN ONE AREA (2:24-25)

- A. Indissoluble Permanency
- B. Incontestable Innocence