

MAKING, DESTROYING, AND SAVING MAN. Genesis 1:26; 6:7
Luke 19:10

Gen. 1:26

1. "Let us make man, in our image, after our likeness."
 1. God's creative process reaches its climax in the making of man.
 2. Man above all in that he was made in the likeness of God.
 3. His place and function in Nature was to rule over all the kingdoms of life beneath him. "Let him have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth." Gen. 1:26
 4. Man's equipment which enabled him to rise. Two organs are his:
 1. Man has an inventive brain which no other earthly creature possesses.
 2. God gave man the supple hand unlike that given any other of his creatures.
2. "I will destroy man whom I have created." Gen 6:7
 1. In a sense man destroyed himself. We tremble when he said, "I will destroy man."
 2. How does man destroy himself? Rom 6:23; James 1:13ff
3. What is sin:
 1. Sin came into the world through Adam. Rom. 5:12
 2. Sin is a transgression of the law. 1 John 3:4
 3. Sin is a failure to do right. 1 John 5:17
4. Why did God destroy man?
 1. Because of ill-assorted marriages. The sons of God captivated by the charms of beauty, cast aside the bonds of restraint and took them wives of all of whom they chose. Gen. 6:2
 - (1) They married up with ungodly women, beautiful talented and accomplished...but ungodly.
 - (2) They married to please their fancies.
 - (3) They married as many wives as they desired. Lamech the first polygamist satisfied with two...men now limited only by the demands of their passion. Sin raged...man destroyed.
3. "I will save man." "I am come to see and save that which was lost." Luke 16:9; 15:3-7. If man will be saved, God will save him. Man must say J. Open door. Rev. John 14:22, 23; 3:20

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