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Acts 6: 4 ASV

What is man

A Message for Adults

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- Our Bible Study and Prayer for Wednesday last began a season of study to answer the question What is man? The title for that lesson was BLUEPRINT FOR A HUSBAND. Lord willing, we will continue to develop a more complete scriptural understanding.
- **Text:** Psalm 8: 3-9 A Psalm of David.
3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, The moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; 4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou

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visitest him? ⁵ For thou hast made him but little lower than God, And crownest him with glory and honor. ⁶ Thou makest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; Thou hast put all things under his feet: ⁷ All sheep and oxen, Yea, and the beasts of the field, ⁸ The birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, Whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas. ⁹ O Jehovah, our Lord, How excellent is thy name in all the earth!

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- **Text:** Hebrews 2:6-9 ASV

⁶ What is man, that thou art mindful of him? Or the son of man, that thou visitest him? ⁷ Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; Thou crownedst him with glory and honor, And didst set him over the works of thy hands: ⁸ Thou didst put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he subjected all things unto him, he left nothing that is not subject to him. But now we see not yet all things subjected to him. ⁹ But we behold him who hath been made a

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little lower than the angels, even Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that by the grace of God he should taste of death for every man.

- The Greek in Hebrews 2: 7 may here mean, a little inferior in rank, or inferior for a little time. But the probable meaning is, that it refers to inferiority of rank. Such is its obvious sense in Psalms 8, from which this is quoted. The meaning is, that God had made man but little inferior to the angels in rank. He was inferior, but God

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exalted him almost to their rank. Feeble, and weak, and dying as he was, God exalted him, and gave him a dominion and a rank almost like that of the angels. The wonder of the Psalmist is, that God had given to human nature so much honor, a wonder that is not at all diminished, when we think of the honor done to man by his connection with the Divine nature in the person of the Lord Jesus. If, in contemplating the face as it appears; if, when we look at the dominion of man over the lower world, we are amazed that God has bestowed

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so much honor on our nature, how much more should we wonder that he has honored man by his connection with Divinity. The Hebrew writer applies this to the Lord Jesus. His object is to show that He is superior to the angels. In doing this, he shows that He had a nature given Him in itself but little inferior to the angels, and that had been exalted to a rank and dominion far above theirs. That such honor should be put on man is what is fitted to excite amazement, and well may one continue to ask why it has been done?

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- Man has been placed over the other works of God:
- by the original appointment, (Gen 1:26).
- though fallen, sinful, feeble, and dying.
- in the person of the Lord Jesus, in whom human nature has received its chief exaltation.
- When we survey the heavens, and contemplate their glories, and think of the exalted rank of other beings, we may well inquire why has such

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honor been conferred on man? Thou crownedst him with glory and honor. That is, with exalted honor. Glory and honor here are nearly synonymous. The meaning is, that elevated honor had been conferred on human nature. A most exalted and extended dominion had been given to man, which showed that God had greatly honored him. This appeared eminently in the person of the Lord Jesus, "the exalted Man," to whom this dominion was given in the widest extent.

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Text: Genesis 1: 27-28 ASV

27 God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 28 God blessed them: and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

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*We continue stedfastly in the apostles' teaching
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prayers every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.*

*We study doctrine and pray every Wednesday at
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