

## THE SOUL OF MAN

The Hebrew word for create is (bara). Bara means to create something out of non-existing material. The closest we could get to this idea in English, would be to say that this person was Unusually Creative.

Bara is used three times in Gen.1:27 to express the creative genius of the Godhead in creating man's soul.

Most Bible scholars agree that what is meant is that the essence of the human soul is patterned (asah/ made) after the Godhead (Gen.1:26).

Godhead		Mankind	
Omniscience	Sovereignty	Self Consciousness	
Omnipotence	+Righteousness	Conscience	
Omnipresence	Love	Mentality	
Immutable	Eternal Life	Emotion	
Veracity	Holy	Volition	
<b>Father</b>	<b>Son</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>

The pattern is one in essence but different in persons. The essence of the soul is the same in all members of the human race but manifested differently in persons.

**This lesson will study FIVE aspects of the Soul of Man.**

**1. The human soul made (asah) “in the image according to the likeness of God” is what gives worth to human life (Gen.1: 26-27).**

- Right to life is a legal issue.
- Worth of life is a theological issue – “With it (tongue) we bless our Lord and Father; and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God.” (James 3:9)

“I will demand an accounting for the life of his fellowman. Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed (right to life); for in the image of God has God made man (worth of life).” (Gen.9:5-6/ homicide)

“God Himself is the great defender of human life (4:9-12), which is precious to Him because man was created in his image (v.6) and because man is the earthly representative and focal point of God’s kingdom.” (NIV, Gen.9:5)

“In killing a human being, a murderer demonstrates his contempt for God as well as his fellowman.” (NIV, Gen.9:6)

**2. This worth of the human soul is what caused God to send His Only begotten Son to redeem sinful man (AOS).**

[Matt.6: 26; 10:31 remember us that mankind is more valuable than birds or other living creatures (chayah nephesh) of Days 5 and 6 of creation].

“For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his own soul? For what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Mark 8:36-37)

“Remember that you were at that time separated from Christ (2 Cor.5:17), excluded from the commonwealth of Israel (Rom.11:24), and strangers to the covenants of promise (Gal.3:29), having no hope (Heb.6:17-19), and without God in the world (2 Cor.5:18-21).” (**Eph.2:12**)

**3. With the fall of Adam, the perfect human soul became clothed in the imperfect image according to the imperfect likeness of fallen Adam by procreation (Gen.3:16; 5:1-3).**

“When Adam had lived 130 years (from fall), he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth (3<sup>rd</sup> son).” (Gen.5:3) Seth was the first prophetic genealogy seed of Jesus Christ (Luke 3:38; 1 Cor.15:22, 45).

Before the fall, the human soul was made in the image according to the likeness of God. It was described as naked, perfect, and without shame (Gen.2:25).

However, after the fall, there was shame with the nakedness and the clothing with the image and likeness of fallen man (Gen.3:7, 10-11). Adam and Eve attempted to cover it symbolically with human good (works). This needed to be removed and spiritually clothed with the prophetic image of Christ (Gen.3:15, 21). “Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.” (Rom.13:14; 2 Cor.4:3-4)

In the Church Age, this is done by the baptism of the Holy Spirit – “For all of you (believers in gospel of Jesus Christ) who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.” (Gal.3:27)

**4. The human soul is the only part of man that is regenerated (saved) – “Obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.” (1 Pet.1:9)**

The 13 judicial charges of Adam’s original sin (AOS) are imputed to the human soul. For example, we are born physically alive but spiritually dead – “For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.” (1 Cor.15:22; Rom.5:12-21)

“For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.” (1 Pet.2:25)

“Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which He brought with His blood.” (Acts 20:28)

**5. The human soul is housed temporarily in the human body.**

Therefore, man is allied with the earth in a body subject to physical laws while at the same time allied with heaven in a soul subject to divine laws of establishment.

Hillel is quoted as saying, “Is not my poor soul a guest in the body? Today it is here and tomorrow it is not here.”

The soul cannot leave the body until God permits it (Eccl.3: 2; Ps.31: 15; Job 14:5).