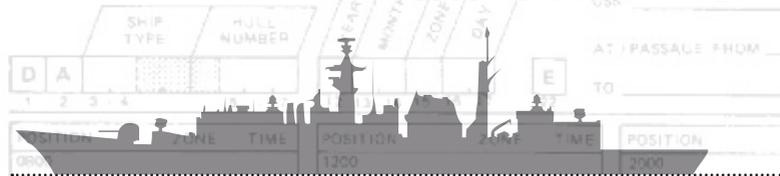


Study #4

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WHAT IS MAN?



WARM UP

Using a chemical supply catalogue, a professor of the University of Washington recently calculated the value of marketable substances in a normal 140 pound man. At today's prices, for example, the body's 10,200 units of a certain clotting agent would sell for \$30,600. The 40gms of myoglobin are worth \$100,000. The professor says that our plasma is worth more than the \$10 a pint hospitals pay for it. Each pint has 30gms of albumin - which alone is worth \$945. According to him, the human body is worth around one million dollars.

BACKGROUND

The psalmist asked a very important question in verse 4: "What is man...?" Philosophers have tried to answer that question since Socrates, "know thy self". Medical science has tried to answer that question also, but from a physical viewpoint. Great discoveries have been made in regard to man's DNA. Psychology has also tried to answer the same question by looking at the mind of man. David turned to the right source for the answer: God. What does God say about who we really are? God and His Word reveal who we are, why we are here, our significance in His eyes and His plan for our lives.

READ Psalm 8 (NKJV)

QUESTIONS FOR INTERACTION

1. Is man just the sum of his organs and physical properties? What makes a man more than this?

2. Discuss the plan of God for man.

3. David could not understand how such an immense God, Creator of the vastness of the universe was interested in man. What is it about man that causes God to be so interested, so affectionate and loving toward him?

4. How far did God go to demonstrate His love for us?

CONSIDER THIS

Job said, "What is man, that you should visit him, and that you should set your heart on him, that you should visit him every morning, and test him every moment?" (Job 7:17-18)
God wants a close relationship with each of us. He has set His heart on us and comes to visit... every morning. God wants to start the day with you. Will you accept the invitation?



IT'S TIME FOR PRAYER



MY RESPONSE AS A PROMISE KEEPER

I will praise God every day for who I am in Him, for His plan for my life and for His amazing love for me.

WRAP UP

Together share your own stories of what God has done in your lives.