



God created man to serve Him

Did you know that God did not create man wicked and depraved, but He created man in his image for a specific purpose and destiny, namely to be prophets, priests and kings in his service in this world?

- As prophet man was to know (with the mind) God his Creator for who He truly is. This implies that God would continuously reveal Himself to man, otherwise it would be impossible for man to know God any better.
He was to use this knowledge to serve and glorify God.
- As priest, man was to love God with all his heart and serve Him diligently. His life was to be one great thanks offering to God. He was also to bring all of creation to prayerful devotion to the Lord.
- As king, man was to serve God with all his strength and in every deed. He was to rule over creation and himself according to God's will.

In Psalm 8:6 David says of man: *"You have given him dominion over the works of your hands, you have put all things under his feet..."*

This implies that man was to rule over all of creation in the Name of the Lord in such a way that everything and everyone would serve God. In other words, man was to be both servant and king in God's service (cf. Revelation 22:3, 5). As such man could live with God in eternal glory to praise and worship Him.

This is how God created man as prophet, priest and king. It is from this exalted position man fell when he sinned (Genesis 1:28, 2:4-19; Heidelberg Catechism Answer 6).

The result was that he has since not been able to be prophet, priest and king. He tries but creates chaos, misery and antagonism – for centuries. Doing what Satan wants him to do.

When God, in his boundless love, saves man through what Christ worked for us on the cross. He restores in his grace believers to what God originally intended them to be.

Through Christ man is once again restored to the office of prophet who knows and proclaims Him, of priest who loves Him and of king who serves Him as ruler.

Therefore, Peter writes to believers: "*...you are the chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.*"

(1 Peter 2:9)

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