

GOD, THE BIBLE, AND YOU

Man Being a Vessel to Contain the Treasure

1. Man has God's image and likeness

Genesis 1:26a

And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness...

2. Man is a vessel (container)

Romans 9:21, 23-24a

Or does not the potter have authority over the clay to make out of the same lump one vessel unto honor and another unto dishonor? In order that He might make known the riches of His glory unto upon vessels of mercy, which He had before prepared unto glory, even us...

3. This vessel is for containing God

2 Cor. 4:7

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellency of the power may be of God and not out of us.

4. God is first contained in man's spirit

John 3:6

That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

1 Thessalonians 5:23a

And the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly, and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete...

5. The origin of our human spirit is God's breath

Prov. 20:27a

The spirit [Hebrew, neshamah] of man is the lamp of the Lord...

Gen. 2:7

Jehovah God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath [Hebrew, neshamah] of life, and man became a living soul.