



## MAN UP | SESSION 1: THE MAKING OF A MAN

Midweek Men's Bible Study

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#### I. God's Creation of Man

##### A. Genesis 1:26-28 NKJV

"Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.' So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.'"

##### 1. Mankind is God's unique creation

###### a. Created in God's Image

*Image = resemblance*

###### b. Created in God's likeness

*Likeness – similitude – same manner as*

##### 2. Adam is the first son of God

###### a. Luke 3:37-38 NKJV

*"the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalalel, the son of Cainan, the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God."*

##### 3. Man is created to have dominion and to subdue the earth

a. **Dominion** – to rule over – to dominate – to tread down – to prevail against – to reign over

b. **Subdue** – keep under – to dominate – to bring into subjection

c. Man was created to keep order – to take authority – to lead – to be strong – to be a leader

d. Man was never created to be weak, inferior, fearful, or enslaved

***\* Pastor's Note: From these passages relating to the creation of mankind, we can see God's plan for man. We get an inward image of what we were created to be.***

#### II. The Rise of Inferiority

##### A. Inferiority defined

1. The condition of being lower in status or quality than others.

2. Lower state – lower rank

##### B. What does inferiority look like?

1. Feelings of insecurity, incomplete or unworthy

2. Withdrawal from activities and social situations

3. Comparing yourself to others

4. Feelings of hostility, frustration, nervousness, or aggression



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5. Inability to complete tasks
  6. Depression, anxiety, or other mental health disorders.
  7. Signs of Inferiority which take on a different expression
    - a. Being a perfectionist or sensitive to criticism
    - b. Finding fault in others
    - c. Seeking attention
    - d. Having trouble admitting mistakes
- C. Satan's strategy with inferiority
- Inferiority came into humanity because of man's first transgression.*

1. Gen 3:8-10 NKJV

"And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife **hid themselves** from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, 'Where *are* you?' So he said, 'I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and **I hid myself.**'"

**Hid = to withdraw – to hide oneself – to draw back**

2. Satan's Strategy with Inferiority is....

- a. To keep you from being who God created you to be
- b. To keep you from accomplishing your dreams and goals.
- c. To keep you living in the shadows of others never rising to be the leader God called you to be.
- d. To create feelings of unworthiness and frustration in your life
- e. To keep you stuck in one position of life and never experience true growth and promotion.
- f. To cause you to draw back or withdraw when you should be stepping up

\* Pastor's Notes:

- *Leaders are more threatening to Satan's kingdom than followers.*
- *Weakness is preferred by our enemy rather than strength.*
- *Satan is pleased with those who blend with their surrounding rather than stepping out to change them.*

III. Practical Application

- A. What are your personal experiences with inferiority?
- B. What other devices is the enemy using to hinder you from advancement and being the man that God created you to be?
- C. What can you do to break specific strongholds in your life and begin the process of advancement?