

## **“What Is Man?”**

### Introduction:

- A. Tell about interest in genealogy after Dr. Alex Haley’s “Roots.”
- B. It is the innate desire of each person to understand himself. - Psalm 8:3-5
- C. What is man?

### I. Origin: “God-Consciousness” - Genesis 1:27; 2:7

### II. Nature: “Spirit Consciousness” - 1 Thessalonians 5:23; Hebrews 12:9; Ecclesiastes 12:7

### III. Potential: “Dignified Self-Consciousness”

- A. Man, with a body of flesh like an animal, can descend to the level of a beast. - Ephesians 4:17-19; e.g., Ted Bundy
- B. But, with a spirit fashioned in the image of God, he has the potential for “God-likeness.” - 2 Peter 1:4; 1 Peter 2:21-22

### IV. Danger: “Sin-Consciousness”

- A. Through the flesh, we all sin - 1 John 1:8-10
- B. Continuing in sin destroys one's resistance. - 1 John 2:1; 1 Timothy 4:1-2
- C. The consequences are tragic. - Romans 6:23; Revelation 21:8

### V. Duty: “Moral Consciousness” - Joshua 24:15; Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

### VI. Destiny: “Eternity-Consciousness” - Matthew 25:46

### Conclusion:

- A. With David we must marvel, “I am fearfully and wonderfully made.” - Psalm 139:14
- B. Will you not determine to fulfill your higher potential?