



Very Special Men

Sometimes it is healthy to look at things from God's perspective, and looking at people as "Sons of Men" does just that. All men start from this classification of people. Adam and Eve started this category. The Patriarchs came from the Sons of Men. The Judges came from the Sons of Men. The Jews came from them. The Gentiles came from them, and even you have been taken out of the sons of men. That's right.

This group of people is all of mankind, and Christianity is a subset of them, a very special subset of them.

Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of



men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; That the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: (Ephesians 3:5-6)

If you're like me, you've read over these verses a thousand times, and probably did not notice the phrase "sons of men" at all. Or if you had, you've done nothing with it. Why don't we take a look at it and see just why it ended up in Ephesians?

This phrase is first used in Psalm 4:2.

O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame? how long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing? Selah. (Psalms 4:2)

It is used a total of 23 times throughout the Bible, twice in the New Testament.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance. The LORD looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men. From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants

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of the earth. (Psalms 33:12-14)

The sons of men, who are all the inhabitants of the earth, are visible from where God lives. In the past, some of these sons of men were a group who chose God as their Lord – Israel.

I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it. He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end. (Ecclesiastes 3:10-11)

God gave man his limits. Man cannot figure out certain things about God even though he can live a great life. This is because God set the world in the hearts of the sons of men [mankind].

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therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil. (Ecclesiastes 8:11)

The heart within the sons of man is a powerful thing. It can be used for both good and for evil. If for evil, it must be judged. Verse 11 says, “Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.”

If our societies were built upon biblical principles like this one, can you imagine the changes we'd see?

I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all.

For man also knoweth not his time: as the fishes that are taken

in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them. This wisdom have I seen also under the sun, and it seemed great unto me: (Ecclesiastes 9:11-13)

I absolutely love this section of scripture. It contains so much wisdom. While people think their training, their diets, their habits, their methods, their ways, their relationships, their this's and their that's determine what they have and what they get, the Bible says something quite different to the sons of men. It says that *the race is NOT to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill.* These phrases are telling you something; the same thing,

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that all your ways don't bring you your winnings, food, wealth, and favours. *The Bible says that time and chance happen to them all.* That's what it says and that's what it means! Wow! That ought to blow your mind.

For years, you thought it was all up to you. You thought you had to work so hard and do things YOUR way, just right, just so so, and if you did, then one day, you'd make it, maybe. Well, did you make it? Hummmm. I don't think so, at least, not by your way. If you did make it, you made it with God's help.

Time and chance are two great wonders, now and always. These are two of the greatest laws God has ever given unto the sons of men. Can you imagine the absolute graciousness of God for just one moment? How did He create such laws? How did He

imagine such marvelous acts of kindness and surprise? They are both beyond me, and you too. But He did! And they work for us all, time and time again, just when we think they won't; just when we don't remember them anymore; and just when we need them the most! How utterly fantastic.

God made the sons of men. He watches over His sons of men. He hopes that these men will believe. Throughout the ages, *He has given them many methods to use for believing in Him, but the greatest has been what we have today – Christianity.*

The worst thing a son of man can do is blaspheme against God, something that will never be forgiven. Everything else a son of man ever does will be forgiven – a little truth that, if known, would put most churches out of business

today. Blaspheme against God means serving satan and worse.

Paul told the Christian Church about the mystery in Ephesians.

For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; (Ephesians 3:1-5)

It wasn't until the age of Christianity that this mystery was told unto the sons of men. What is this mystery?

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That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: (Ephesians 3:6)

This is what makes you very special “men.” I say “men” because of the term sons of men. Christianity is a subset of the people - sons of men. Not all people are Christians, but all Christians are from the “Sons of Men” group. You are very special people at that. God revealed the mystery to Paul, that the Gentiles were allowed into God’s family along with the Jews. This was history in the making at the time. Today, it’s quite common knowledge, but then, it wasn’t. It was special. Well, it actually still is really special, especially if you understand that there still are a lot of people out there under the category of “sons of men,” people who are not Christians, and who are not in God’s family.

I want you to feel special, and to see yourself as being VERY special people, very different than anyone else in the whole wide world. Why? Because you are a Christian, because you are part of God’s inheritance, *because time and chance happened to you and will continue to happen to you*, and you are blessed beyond belief and measure and you might not even realize it. You are God’s best and always will be. You are no longer just part of the status quo. You have been removed from that whole mess, and have been placed within a very special group of people. Celebrate it today and forever!

I love you in Christ!

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