

# What Is Man?

by Warren Wiersbe

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*Warren Wiersbe's sermon emphasizes that God created man to reign as kings, redeemed through Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit to overcome sin and live victoriously.*

**Scripture:** Genesis 1:26, 1 Samuel 17:45, Romans 6:14, Galatians 5:16, 1 Peter 2:9

**Topics:** "Human Nature", "Spiritual Reign"

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## Description

Warren Wiersbe preaches on the higher calling God has for man, contrasting worldly views with the biblical truth that God wants us to be kings and reign in life. In Psalms 8, we see the examples of Adam, Jesus, and David as different kings. God the Father created us to be kings in His image, but sin has marred that image. God the Son redeemed us to be kings through His death and resurrection, regaining what was lost in Adam. God the Holy Spirit anointed us to live as kings, empowering us to overcome sin and reign over our circumstances.

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## Transcript

Read Psalm 8:1-9

What is man? Charles Darwin said man is an animal. Sigmund Freud taught that man is a spoiled child. Karl Marx believed man is an economic factor. But the Bible says God has a much higher calling for man. God wants us to be kings; He wants us to reign in life. In Psalm 8 we see three different kings exemplified in Adam, Jesus and David.

First, God the Father created us to be kings (Gen. 1:26-28). God gave Adam dominion over the earth. We are created in the image of God with a mind, heart, will and spirit. But sin has marred God's image in man. His mind can't think God's thoughts; his emotions are wrapped up in sin; his will is rebellious, and his spirit is dead.

Second, God the Son redeemed us to be kings. The tragedy of man's rejecting Christ as Savior is that he goes through life as a slave, not a sovereign. Because of his rebellion, man lost his dominion. But Christ's death, Resurrection and Ascension regained what Adam lost--and much more (Rom. 5). Our Lord is reigning today, and we will someday reign with Him.

Third, God the Holy Spirit anointed us to live as kings. Our kingship comes from God. The power of His Spirit gave David the strength to kill Goliath. We are either a sovereign or a slave; either we will reign as

kings, or sin will reign in our lives.

God never intended that we live like slaves but that we live like kings and reign over our circumstances and feelings. Trust Christ as Savior to reign in your life.

Do you find yourself a slave to a particular circumstance or emotion? Because of the sacrifice of Christ, we need no longer live as slaves in this world. Claim the power of God's Spirit and live as a king.

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