

What Is Man?

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Introduction

The question, “What is man?” is repeated four times in Sacred Scripture, with each occurrence having a different emphasis (Job 7:17-18; Ps. 8:4; 144:3; Heb. 2:5-6). These verses focus, successively, upon the misery, magnificence, militancy, and Messiah of life.

The Misery of Life

Job reminds us of the occasional misery of life (Job 7:1-21, esp. vs. 17-18).

The Magnificence of Life

David affirms the breathtaking magnificence of life (Ps. 8:1-9, esp. vs. 4).

The Militancy of Life

The Psalmist confirms the requisite militancy of life (Ps. 144:1-15, esp. vs 3).

The Messiah of Life

The Hebrew writer focuses upon Jesus, the Messiah of Life (Heb. 2:1-18, esp. vs. 6).

Conclusion

When life becomes miserable, Christ provides comfort. When life becomes mundane, Christ provides meaning. When life becomes tumultuous, Christ provides leadership. When life becomes hopeless, Christ provides salvation.