

# MAN MOST HIGH

## I. Introduction

- A. You do not call others names because it will tear down their \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. How to overcome feelings of \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Come to church to help your sense of \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. These are a far cry from “come to our church to \_\_\_\_\_ God... You must \_\_\_\_\_.”

## II. Man Most High

- A. Definition: this is a view of man that is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ instead of God-centered and God-esteeming.
- B. It is an unbiblical view of man. It therefore –
  - \_\_\_\_\_ God of glory
  - Enhances man’s \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ man – makes him more self-centered through using God and Scripture as an excuse
  - Is based more on human \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ than Scripture.
  - It sees man’s dignity and worth as intrinsic within man (instead of extrinsic given to man by \_\_\_\_\_)
  - Is a form of humanism which is the “ultimate form of idolatry, which regards man as the \_\_\_\_\_ of all things.” (R.C. Sproul)
- C. Man Most High is shown in two separate examples:  
Psychologized Man and Religious Man

### 1. Psychologized Man

- a. Man is seen as either “driven by \_\_\_\_\_ (unconscious) desires” (Freud) or “\_\_\_\_\_” (Maslow) or a mixture of both.
- b. Example: Man must get in touch with his deepest \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. Example: Man experiences anxiety or depression or feelings of worthlessness due to not having had his \_\_\_\_\_ met.

<b>ABRAHAM MASLOW'S HIERARCHY OF NEEDS</b>
<b>SELF-ACTUALIZATION</b>
<b>SELF-ESTEEM</b>
<b>LOVE AND BELONGINGNESS NEEDS</b>
<b>SIGNIFICANCE AND SECURITY NEEDS</b>
<b>PHYSICAL NEEDS</b>

Explanation: the Christianized version of a self-actualized person is a confident Christian, conformed to the image of God's son, who gives the gospel and is helping others. Your \_\_\_\_\_ must be met first.

- "You're special to God. Your \_\_\_\_\_ is in Christ. Once you understand that your identity is in Him, you will feel better about yourself."
- Others use unbiblical terms and concepts such as \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.
- This entices our sinful flesh to think more and more highly of \_\_\_\_\_ and less and less highly about God.
- It is a \_\_\_\_\_ to be depressed or anxious because others do not esteem us or did not treat us the way we would have liked (or God would have liked.)

d. Summary of Psychologized Man

- He perceives himself as \_\_\_\_\_ in an unbiblical sense.
- He is believed to be influenced or even controlled by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- He is focused on self, often he fears other men or needs them to try to feel better about himself.
- He is longing for certain \_\_\_\_\_.
- He is encouraged to use God for how God can make him feel instead of \_\_\_\_\_ from his self-focus, denying self, and loving others whether he feels like it or not.

2. Religious Man

a. Religious Man gives himself too much credit:

- Good works can \_\_\_\_\_ salvation
- Being good or taking the sacraments can keep \_\_\_\_\_
- Salvation is totally up to man. Man is free to choose or reject God.

D. The Proper Perspective of man

1. Man is \_\_\_\_\_ in his trespasses and sins. Eph. 2:1-3
2. Man thinks more \_\_\_\_\_ of himself than he ought. Phil. 2:3-4
3. Man loves \_\_\_\_\_. II Timothy 3:2; Matt. 22:37-39
4. Man is enticed by his own \_\_\_\_\_. James 1:14-15
5. Man is in desperate need of Christ and unless God \_\_\_\_\_ him and convicts him of his sin and grants him \_\_\_\_\_, he will not believe (in a “saving” sense) God however religious he becomes. Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:3-7; Acts 17:30-31; Romans 10:9

III. Conclusion

The Christian view of man is \_\_\_\_\_ and esteeming man higher and higher. It affects the \_\_\_\_\_ and how we \_\_\_\_\_ as a Christian.

Men are \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

We are here to serve and glorify \_\_\_\_\_ on His terms and not our own.