## Sex and Food

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- I. Introduction.
  - A. Text: Genesis 1:29-31.
  - B. Man is made in the image of God—this is reflective of the man's spirit.
    - 1. The spirit rends a man creative, communicative and moral.
    - 2. Man has been commanded to rule over nature.
    - 3. Man's authority however, is derived from God's authority—man's departure from God makes it impossible for him to fulfill this.
- II. Sex is not afterthought with God.
  - A. Man for a while carried both male and female characteristics.
  - B. Sex pervades our being—man is essentially sexual.
  - C. Sex manifests itself at every level of our being—body, soul and spirit or physical sex, friendship and worship.
  - D. As the Second Adam, Jesus was both male and female although not physically.
  - E. Consequently, the character of a Christian is the same whether male or female. (Galatians 3)

## III. Food.

- A. Man originally ate grains and fruits.
- B. God has supplied abundantly, and it is unreasonable to understand life through the fossil record.
- C. Man is earth's problem because he has lost his way.
- D. Man cannot live by bread alone.
  - 1. Life is more than food. (Matthew 5-7)
  - 2. God's kingdom is to be sought first.
  - 3. All needs will be supplied under God's kingdom.
  - 4. Jesus is the bread of life—entrance into the kingdom only comes by a continual response to Him and adherence to His Word.

## **Application questions:**

1. What is the multifaceted view of sex for which the speaker argues? Do you agree or disagree? Explain.
2. What is the spiritual bread that God expects us to live by?
3. Do you have time committed to learning from God through His Word? What can you do different this week to begin or enhance your program through the Bible?