

## **The Rapture**

### The Likeness of Our Glorified Bodies

- I.** Adam was created in the likeness of God (Gen. 1:26; 5:1).
  - 1. The human spirit is the center of man's ability to reason: to have rationale (1 Cor. 2:11).
  - 2. Both Adam's likeness and image were different from the animal kingdom (Gen. 1:21, 24-25).
    - 1) Adam's likeness, or intellect, gave him the mental competence to rule the animal kingdom (Gen. 1:26).
    - 2) Adam's likeness gave him the aptitude to perceive the characteristics of all the individual animals and name them accordingly, to the point he noticed that he was different (Gen. 2:19-20).
  - 3. Adam likeness was corrupted after his fall (Gen. 5:3).
  - 4. Adam's rational ability was sullied by emotion (1 Pet. 2:11).
  - 5. Our present earthly body is dominated by our soul (1 Cor. 15:44, 46).
- II.** It is the nature of mankind to be different from animals (Jam. 3:7).
  - 1. One indication is that man can tame animals.
  - 2. It is implied in the passage that another difference between man and animals is that mankind can communicate with his tongue, which is misused.
  - 3. Man's mental ability, which differs from animals, goes back to creation: "similitude" KJV should be likeness (Jam. 3:9).
- III.** Our glorified body will be ruled by our human spirit (1 Cor. 14:44).
  - 1. It will have the ability to fully mentally comprehend who Christ is (1 Jn. 3:2).
  - 2. In it we will act righteous throughout Eternity (2 Pet. 3:13).
- IV.** We will be able to express emotion governed by rationale (Rev. 4:10-11; 5:8-10).