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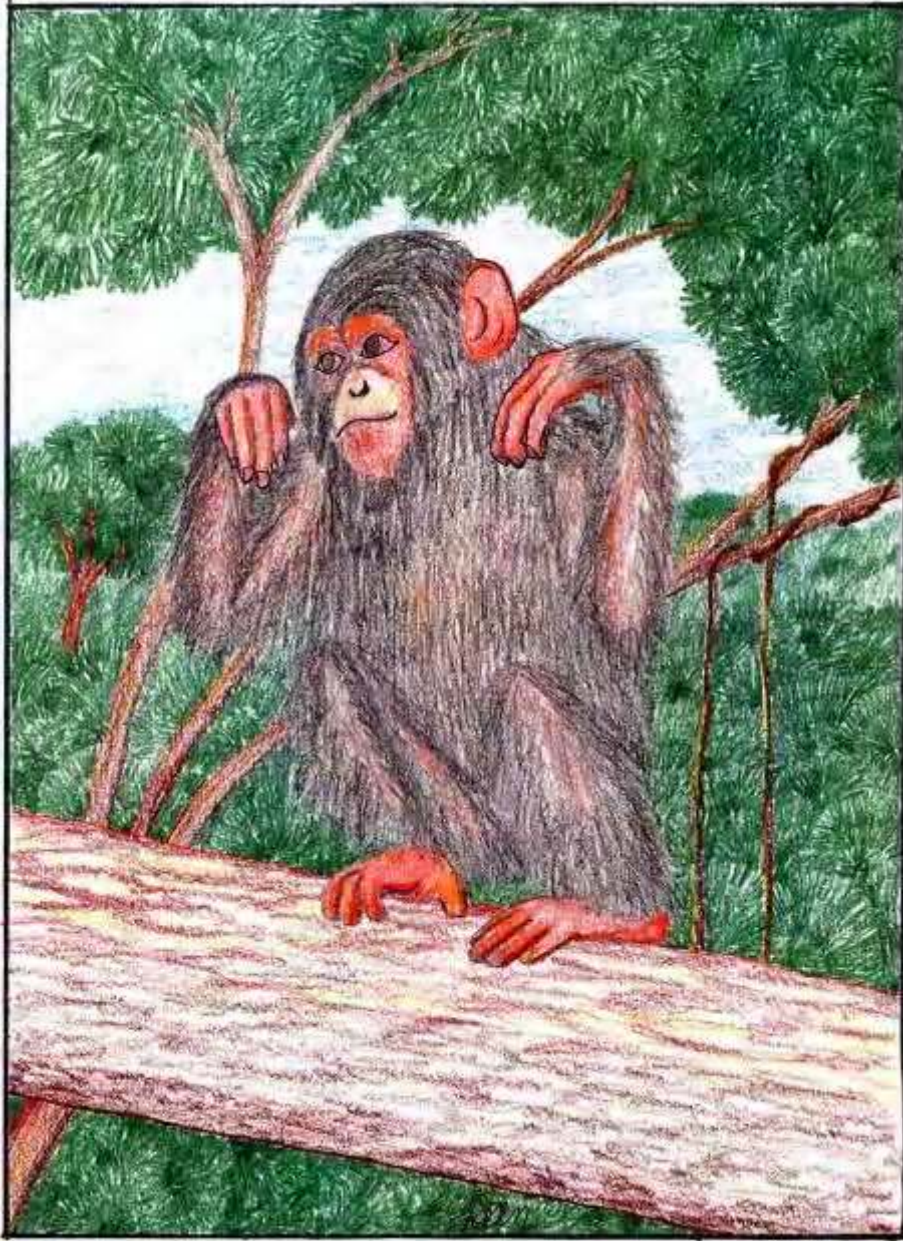
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Way back in the beginning of time, the way God made Chimp, he was really a nice looking animal. He was tall, handsome and had warm, cheerful smile.

But, sadly, Chimp did not know that “moderation is usually better than excess.” He did not like the way he looked. He

thought he could improve his appearance. So, he went to God and said, “I do not like the way you made me. I would like to make a few changes.”

God thought a minute. Then God said, “Go ahead. Try. See what happens when you do not like what God does.”

This was the good word Chimp had been waiting and longing for, so he went to work on himself.

He did not like the way his nose looked, so he smashed it flat on his face.

He thought his eyes were too far apart, so he pushed them together.

He thought his teeth were very fine looking, so he bulged them way out. I don't need to tell you that finished his beautiful smile.

He thought his forehead was too high, so he pushed it back flat into his head.

He thought his ears were too small, so he stretched them out to make them much larger.

He thought his neck was very ugly, so he made it very short. In fact, he hardly has any neck left at all.

He thought his hair was very beautiful, and so he spread it all over his body.

He thought his arms were too short, so he stretched them out until they reached the ground.

He thought his legs were too long, so he shortened them.

He thought his feet were funny looking, so he made them to look like his hands.

By the time Chimp had finished improving himself, he was truly ugly.

Now I have heard people say that Chimp is 'cute', but it would really stretch the truth to say he was handsome or even

nice looking. And, because that was what he thought he wanted, God left him that way.

Isn't that just like us? It seems like we are always trying to change ourselves and the things around us to make us happy. Often we make things worse. Man often rebels against what God has done so the world is becoming a very dangerous place.

God made us to fulfill HIS purposes and we need to accept God's Word for who we are and what we are. Romans 3:23 tells us that "... all men have sinned and have missed the shining greatness of God."

If we want to change all of this we must do it God's way and not our own. We should first tell God what the Old Testament prophet, Jeremiah did when he said, "O Lord, I know that a man's way is not known by himself. It is not in man to lead his own steps" (Jeremiah 10:23).

Then we should let God make us beautiful on the inside. "For if a man belongs to Christ, he is a new person. The old life is gone. New life has begun," (II Corinthians 5:17).

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