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THE IMAGE OF GOD



Genesis 1:26-28



26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. 28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

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OUR IDENTITY

Any identity that is achieved rather than received is flimsy and by requirement will be exclusionary because it will be based on the fact that you are better than someone else or something else.

**27 So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him; male
and female he created them. 28 And God
blessed them.**

"There is one way in which God is imaged in the world and only one: humanness! This is the only creature, the only part of creation, which discloses to us something about the reality of God. This God is not known through any cast or molten image.... The contrast between fixed images which are prohibited and human image which is affirmed represents a striking proclamation about God and about humanness."

No Idols



Exodus 20:3–5, Exodus 20:23, Exodus 23:24, Exodus 23:32–33, Exodus 32:1–35, Exodus 34:12–17, Leviticus 19:4, Leviticus 20:1–5, Leviticus 26:1, Numbers 25:1–5, Deuteronomy 4:15–19, Deuteronomy 4:23–24, Deuteronomy 5:7–9, Deuteronomy 7:5, Deuteronomy 7:25–26, Deuteronomy 8:19–20, Deuteronomy 11:16–17, Deuteronomy 12:2–4, Deuteronomy 13:1–18, Deuteronomy 16:21–22, Deuteronomy 17:2–7, Deuteronomy 27:15, Deuteronomy 29:16–18, Deuteronomy 30:17–18, Joshua 23:6–8, Joshua 24:14–23, Judges 2:11–13, Judges 10:6–16, 1 Samuel 7:3–4, 1 Kings 9:6–9, 1 Kings 11:4–10, 1 Kings 12:28–33, 1 Kings 16:30–33, 2 Kings 17:7–18, 2 Kings 17:35–39, 2 Kings 21:1–15, 2 Kings 23:4–14, 2 Chronicles 7:19–22, 2 Chronicles 15:8, 2 Chronicles 33:1–9, Psalm 16:4, Psalm 31:6, Psalm 81:9–10, Psalm 96:5, Psalm 97:7, Psalm 106:36–39, Psalm 115:4–8, Psalm 135:15–18, Isaiah 2:8, Isaiah 30:22, Isaiah 31:7, Isaiah 40:18–20, Isaiah 41:29, Isaiah 42:8, Isaiah 44:9–20, Isaiah 45:20, Isaiah 46:1–9, Isaiah 57:13, Jeremiah 2:11–13, Jeremiah 7:18, Jeremiah 10:3–5, Jeremiah 16:20, Jeremiah 32:34–35, Ezekiel 6:4–9, Ezekiel 8:10–18, Ezekiel 14:3–8, Ezekiel 16:36–39, Ezekiel 20:7–8, Hosea 4:12–13, Hosea 8:4–6, Hosea 13:2, Amos 5:26, Micah 1:7, Micah 5:13, Habakkuk 2:18–19, Zechariah 10:2, Matthew 4:10, Acts 7:41–43, Acts 15:20, Acts 17:29–30, Romans 1:22–25, 1 Corinthians 6:9–10, 1 Corinthians 10:7, 1 Corinthians 10:14, Galatians 5:19–21, Ephesians 5:5, Colossians 3:5, 1 Thessalonians 1:9, 1 Peter 4:3, 1 John 5:21

"In the Ancient Near East, an idol served a few purposes. Idols were placed within a temple, the place where the gods and humans were connected. The idol then functioned as a reflection and embodiment of the god. It was not thought of as the actual deity. Rather, the idol was meant to be an image of the divine. The idol stood there as the mediating representation of the god's power and presence. The "image of God" was also a title reserved for kings. These special, chosen rulers were representations of the gods, ruling and reigning on their behalf."

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Made In His Image



- We bear His likeness**
- We have a role to play**
- We are whole only in knowing Him**
- We reflect Him to the rest of the world**



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OUR PURPOSE

Genesis 3:8-9



⁸ And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

Genesis 2:18-22



¹⁸ Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." ¹⁹ Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹ So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.