

## MAN IN GOD'S IMAGE

Text: Genesis 1:26

INTRO: Man is the only creature said to be in God's image. We may not know everything that is involved in our being made in His image, but there are several characteristics of man that reflect his likeness to God. The better we know ourselves, the better we may understand some of the characteristics of God. The better we know God, the more we may come to understand some of the things that make us distinct from all other created beings. READ JEREMIAH 9:23-24.

### I. GOD IS AN UNDYING SPIRIT; MAN IS A BEING WITH A SPIRIT THAT SURVIVES DEATH..

John 4:24; Heb. 9:15; Matt. 10:28; 2 Cor. 4:16

### II. GOD IS AN INTELLIGENT BEING; MAN HAS INTELLECT.

O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom & knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments & His ways past finding out. (Rom 11:33).

A. God's wisdom is evident in the design of the universe.

Rom. 1:20; Psalm 19:1-2

B. We should use our intellect to hear, believe & obey His will

The new man... is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him. (Col 3:10).

C. Paul reasoned with folks re the will of God; he sought to

persuade them to become obedient. A 17:2; 18:4, 19

### III. GOD IS A SOCIAL BEING; MAN IS A SOCIAL CREATURE.

A. God in 3 Persons, surrounded by angels.

Gen 1:1 (plural)

Then I looked & I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures & the elders; & the number of them was 10,000 times 10,000 & thousands of thousands. (Rev. 5:11).

B. Man is a social being.

And the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone: I will make him a helper comparable to him" (Gen 2:18).

NOTE: This is why men raise families, why they live in or near towns, why they need to work together within a local church, etc.

### IV. GOD EXERCISES EMOTION; MAN DISPLAYS EMOTION.

Thru the Lord's mercy we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. (Lam 3:22).

Anger, hatred, love... 1 JN 4:19

You love righteousness & hate wickedness; therefore God,  
Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more  
than Your companions. (Psalm 45:7, messianic).

V. MAN IS A PHYSICAL BEING. GOD IS NOT PHYSICAL, BUT HE  
BECAME PHYSICAL IN ORDER TO REDEEM MAN AND  
RESTORE FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM.

Gen. 2:7; Eccl 12:7; John 1:1-3 READ PHIL. 2:5-8

Therefore when He came into the world, He said, "Sacrifice &  
offering You did not desire. But a body You have prepared for  
Me." (Heb. 10:5).

Heb 4:15

CONCLUSION: There is much that we cannot fathom--we may never fully  
understand all that is involved in the fact that God made man in His own image &  
likeness. We may never fully understand the depth of His love or the awfulness of  
sin. But we can understand that the wages of sin is death--eternal condemnation.  
And we can understand that God loved us so much, & Jesus loved so much that He,  
for a time, gave up heaven with all its glory to take upon Himself human flesh--to  
be tempted--to be rejected & mocked & ridiculed--to die on the cross in our place so  
we wouldn't have to go to hell for our sins. What a shame, what a pity, what a  
waste, if we ignore His love & His guidance, & go to hell anyway.

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