

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible

Current Book: *Genesis – Message #12*

Scripture(s) for Today: Genesis 1:26-27 – Creation Day 6 continued: Man created in God’s image

Today’s Message: **“YOU ARE NOT A MONKEY!”**

INTRODUCTION

Last week, we began to look at Day 6 of God’s creation week. We saw how each living creature and creeping thing was uniquely made *after his kind* – to never be anything else! Today, after six days of God speaking things into existence, He will choose to make man after His own **IMAGE**, after His own likeness. This truth has been trampled in the streets by our world today. Not only has man **NOT** evolved from monkeys, he was made in the very image of God! Even in his fallen state as a sinner, man is still made in the image of God. Let God’s words sink into your minds and hearts today...

LEARNING TOGETHER

1. The Text Gen 1:26-31

- **“And God said, Let US make man in OUR image, after OUR likeness...”**
 - ✓ Gen 3:22 says, “And the **LORD God said**, Behold, the man is become as one of US...”
 - ✓ 1 John 5:7 says, “For there are **THREE** that bear record in heaven, **the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost**: and these THREE are ONE.”
 - ✓ Col 2:9 says of Jesus Christ, “For **IN HIM** dwelleth all the fulness of **the Godhead BODILY**.”

NOTE God reveals Himself as a **TRIUNE** God – 3 persons in 1! The Bible word for this is the “*Godhead*” (a.k.a. *the Trinity*). John says it so clearly – *the Father, the Word* (Jesus), and *the Holy Ghost*. Modern versions have removed the key in 1 Jn 5:7 completely!

- **“And God said, Let us make man in OUR IMAGE, after OUR LIKENESS...”**
- **“So God created man IN HIS OWN IMAGE, in THE IMAGE OF GOD created he him...”**
 1. THE IMAGE IS A **PERSON**.
 - ✓ 2 Cor 4:4 says of Jesus Christ, “Who is THE IMAGE OF GOD...”
 - ✓ Col 1:15 says of Jesus Christ, “Who is THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD...”
 - ✓ Heb 1:3 says of Jesus Christ, “Who being... THE EXPRESS IMAGE OF HIS PERSON...”
 - ✓ 1 Cor 15:22,47 says, “As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive... **second man**”
 2. THE IMAGE IS THREE **PARTS**.
 - ✓ Gen 2:7 says, “And the **LORD God FORMED man** of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the BREATH of life; and **man** became a living SOUL.”

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- ✓ **1 Thes 5:23** says, “Sanctify you **wholly**... your **whole** SPIRIT and SOUL and BODY be preserved...”

CREATED IN GOD’S IMAGE

Jesus Christ	The body	Christ is God’s body – the image of God
Father	The soul	The bodily shape of the man
Holy Spirit	The spirit	Common to man; likened to wind; born <u>DEAD</u> due to sin

3. THE IMAGE IS RELATIONAL AND COMMUNICATES.

- ✓ **John 1:1** says of the living Word, “In the beginning was the **WORD**...” [“And **God SAID**...”]
- ✓ **Ps 119:160** says of the written Word, “Thy **WORD** is true from the beginning...”

NOTE It has been well said that man has 2 faculties no animal ever had or will ever have – to speak and to write. Man was made with the ability to think and communicate with His Creator and others. God made man to be able to have a RELATIONSHIP with Him! Only man could receive God’s words (spoken and written in a Book), comprehend what his Creator has done, and then choose to obey and love Him!

2. The Lesson

Genesis Lesson 12: **God made man to have a personal relationship with Him!**



Man was created so much differently than the animals – he is more valuable to God!

So, how can you apply Creation Day 6 to your life today?

1. HUMAN life is valuable to God!

Our world has **devalued** human life.

Gen 9:6 – “Whoso sheddeth man’s blood, **by man shall his blood be shed:**
for IN THE IMAGE OF GOD made he man.”

- Our world saves animals and kills babies. There will be grave consequences!

2. YOUR life is valuable to God!

Our world has **devoured** human life.

Mt 10:31 – “Fear ye not therefore, **YE ARE OF MORE VALUE** than many sparrows.”

- You are not a monkey! Your sin mars God’s image, but He made you special!

3. Jesus Christ died to RESTORE the human race to His perfect image!

John 3:3 – “**Except** a man be **BORN AGAIN**, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

- The human race is damned. Man needs his image restored to the image of God!

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