

**I. Introduction: Human beings are the pinnacle of God's creation. When God finished His creation at the end of day six, He proclaimed it very good for the first time.**

**II. Made in God's Image (Gen 1:26-31).**

**A. Humans are God's Representatives (vv. 26-27).**

1. God created man as His representative image to bear His likeness so that mankind might reflect His glory throughout the rest of creation.

**B. Humans are God's Vice-Rulers (vv. 26, 28).**

1. God tasked man with ruling over the creation with the same kind of benevolent sovereignty that He exercises over the Earth.

**C. Humans are God's Creators (vv. 27-28).**

1. God made the Earth teeming with life, and He commanded Adam and Eve to be fruitful and multiply, filling the Earth with His image-bearers.

**D. Humans are God's Children (Gen 1:26-27; 5:1-3).**

1. Humans were created as earthy beings with a divine lineage. They share a familial relationship with the Creator and reflect His attributes as His children.

**III. Conclusion: God created human beings as unique creations that reflect His image, and thus they possess value, meaning, dignity, purpose, and worth.**

## Study Questions: Made in God's Image

1. Who does God say that you are? What is an image-bearer? What are some ways that people devalue human beings? How does the image of God affect civil liberties?
2. How did God set the stage for His drama in the first six days? (**Gen 1:1-23**) Who is the main character in the story? (**Gen 1:1**) What role do we play in the drama of His redemptive story?
3. In what way did God create man? (**Gen 1:26-27**) What do the words “image” and “likeness” mean? (**v. 26**) What do they indicate about mankind’s representative status? (**v. 27**)
4. How did God create humanity to be vice-rulers? (**Gen 1:26, 28**) What do the words “subdue” and “rule” mean? (**vv. 26, 28**) How were ancient images treated by subjects? (**Dan 3:1-30**)
5. If Adam was the sovereign of Earth, why did God give him a command? (**Gen 2:16-17**) How was this tree a place of judgment? Why was their failure analogous to treason? (**Gen 3:1-7**)
6. In what way did God create humanity to be creators? (**Gen 1:27-28**) How did God bless Adam and Eve? (**v. 28**) Why did God want Adam and Eve to procreate? (**Is 43:7**)
7. How were Adam and Eve to be creators on Earth? (**Gen 1:26-28; 2:18-25**) What do the words “cultivate” and “keep” mean? (**Num 3:7-8; 8:26; 18:5-6**) What do people create?
8. In what way are we children of God? (**Gen 1:26-27; 5:1-3**) How are all people related under Adam and Eve? How does this impact the way you treat others? (**James 3:9**)

### Prayer

1. Pray that God would show you the dignity, value, and worth you possess as His image-bearer.
2. Ask God to help you treat every person you interact with as an image-bearer of God.