

Countenance – His Image & Likeness pt.1

Countenance – refers to a person’s face or facial expression, serving as a direct reflection of their inner emotions, character, or spiritual state.

(Genesis 1:26-28 nkjv)

²⁶Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over ^[g]all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” ²⁷So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that ^[h]moves on the earth.”

- There is two people that God made personally. Who weren’t born naturally like everyone else
- The first one was Adam

(Genesis 2:7 nkjv)

⁷And 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 being.

- The second person was the women who we know as eve

(Genesis 2:21-22 nkjv)

²¹ And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. ²² Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He ^[h]made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

- so when God said he created man in his image and likeness. And commanded them to be fruitful and multiply and subdue the earth. He was commanded Adam and the woman.
- No one in scripture does it say he created other people outside of Adam and the women
- In fact, all mankind, all of us come from Adam and the women. The bible says that eve is the mother of all living

(Genesis 3:20 nkjv)

²⁰ And Adam called his wife's name Eve, ^[g] because she was the mother of all living.

- So if eve is the mother of all living that means every single person that ever existed on earth came thru birth
- When God created the first people on earth. Adam and the woman, he created them in his image and likeness but what does that mean?
- He created them Holy, and righteous. Without fault. They were sinless.
- The bible says it was Good

- So to be in the image and likeness of God you must be Holy and Righteous
- Because Adam disobeyed God, sin enter the world and death now passes all man

(Romans 5:12 nkjv)

¹²Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned

- When God formed Adam. He breathes on him the breath of Life
- So, if Gods breath has the power to give life
- And if Jesus is the word of God and Jesus said he is the way, the truth and the life.
- So when Adam sinned death came, which is the opposite of life
- Which meant Adam lost the likeness of God. Which is life. God can't die. He is the source of life. In him was life and the life was the light of men

(John 1:1-5 nkjv)

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not ^[a]comprehend it.

- In him was life, and the life was the light of men
- Because Jesus is the light of the world, anyone who follows him will not walk in darkness but have the light of life

(John 8:7-12 nkjv)

⁷ So when they continued asking Him, He ^[g]raised Himself up and said to them, “He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first.” ⁸ And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. ⁹ Then those who heard *it*, being^[h] convicted by *their* conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest *even* to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. ¹⁰ When Jesus had raised Himself up ^[i]and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, “Woman, where are those accusers ^[j]of yours? Has no one condemned you?”

¹¹ She said, “No one, Lord.”

And Jesus said to her, “Neither do I condemn you; go ^[k]and sin no more.”

¹² Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life.”

- If you’re following Jesus who is the light of the world, then his presence should be a life-giving light

(Psalms 56:13 nlt)

For you have rescued me from death; you have kept my feet from slipping.
So now I can walk in your presence, O God, in your life-giving light.

- We already establish that when God said let there be light, that was the moment the lamb was slayed before the foundation of the world
- And if Jesus who is the lamb of God shed its blood, then that means there is forgiveness for sin because the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin

(1 John 1:5-10 nkjv)

⁵This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

- He who has the son has life, he who does not have the son of God does not have life

(1 John 5:9-13 nkjv)

⁹If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of ^[e]God which He has testified of His Son. ¹⁰He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ¹²He who has the Son has ^[d]life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, ^[e]and that you may *continue* to believe in the name of the Son of God.

- If you don't have the son of God you don't have life, because he who has the son has life
- Remember God can't die. He is life and he is the source of it
- If you have life then you cant die and if you cant die then that make you like god because you have the son of God who is life

(John 10:22-38 nkjv)

²² Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem, and it was winter. ²³ And Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon's porch. ²⁴ Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, "How long do You keep us in ^[d]doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly."

²⁵ Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me. ²⁶ But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, ^[e]as I said to you. ²⁷ My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. ²⁸ And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father's hand. ³⁰ I and My Father are one."

³¹ Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. ³² Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?"

³³ The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God."

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, "You are gods" ' ? ³⁵ If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken), ³⁶ do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'? ³⁷ If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; ³⁸ but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and ^[f]believe that the Father *is* in Me, and I in Him."

- Jesus was quoting scripture when he told the Jews “you are gods”
- The scripture he quoted was a psalm by Asaph. Who was a prominent Levite musician and seer appointed by King David to lead worship and praise before the ark of the Lord
- Asaph wrote the psalms to confront corrupt leaders, condemn social injustice, and call on God to act as the ultimate judge of the earth
- He is addressing a divine or royal assembly, rebuking those in power for failing to protect the vulnerable and poor

(Psalms 82:1-8 nkjv)

**God stands in the congregation of ^[a]the mighty; He judges among the ^[b]gods.² How long will you judge unjustly, And show partiality to the wicked? *Selah*³ ^[c]Defend the poor and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and needy. ⁴ Deliver the poor and needy; Free *them* from the hand of the wicked.⁵ They do not know, nor do they understand; They walk about in darkness; All the foundations of the earth are ^[d]unstable.
⁶I said, “You are ^[e]gods, And all of you are children of the Most High.
⁷But you shall die like men, And fall like one of the princes.”⁸ Arise, O God, judge the earth; For You shall inherit all nations.**

- When they wanted to stone Jesus for blasphemy because he said he was the son of God which made him equal to God
- He quoted psalms 82:6 to show that God is the one who said you are gods

- So Adam who was created in the image and likeness of God wasn't supposed to experience death. He wasn't supposed to die. And if he wasn't going to die then he was like God. Which made him a son of God
- And because the word became flesh and Jesus was born. All living being came from Adam and eve naturally

(Luke 3:23-38 nlt)

²³ Jesus was about thirty years old when he began his public ministry.

Jesus was known as the son of Joseph. Joseph was the son of Heli.

²⁴ Heli was the son of Matthat. Matthat was the son of Levi. Levi was the son of Melki. Melki was the son of Jannai. Jannai was the son of Joseph.

²⁵ Joseph was the son of Mattathias. Mattathias was the son of Amos. Amos was the son of Nahum. Nahum was the son of Esli. Esli was the son of Naggai. ²⁶ Naggai was the son of Maath. Maath was the son of Mattathias. Mattathias was the son of Semein. Semein was the son of Josech. Josech was the son of Joda. ²⁷ Joda was the son of Joanan.

Joanan was the son of Rhesa. Rhesa was the son of Zerubbabel. Zerubbabel was the son of Shealtiel. Shealtiel was the son of Neri.

²⁸ Neri was the son of Melki. Melki was the son of Addi. Addi was the son of Cosam. Cosam was the son of Elmadam. Elmadam was the son of Er.

²⁹ Er was the son of Joshua. Joshua was the son of Eliezer. Eliezer was the son of Jorim. Jorim was the son of Matthat. Matthat was the son of Levi.

³⁰ Levi was the son of Simeon. Simeon was the son of Judah. Judah was the son of Joseph. Joseph was the son of Jonam. Jonam was the son of Eliakim. ³¹ Eliakim was the son of Melea. Melea was the son of Menna.

Menna was the son of Mattatha. Mattatha was the son of Nathan. Nathan was the son of David.³² David was the son of Jesse. Jesse was the son of Obed. Obed was the son of Boaz. Boaz was the son of Salmon.^[h] Salmon was the son of Nahshon.³³ Nahshon was the son of Amminadab. Amminadab was the son of Admin. Admin was the son of Arni.^[i] Arni was the son of Hezron. Hezron was the son of Perez. Perez was the son of Judah. ³⁴ Judah was the son of Jacob. Jacob was the son of Isaac. Isaac was the son of Abraham. Abraham was the son of Terah. Terah was the son of Nahor.³⁵ Nahor was the son of Serug. Serug was the son of Reu. Reu was the son of Peleg. Peleg was the son of Eber. Eber was the son of Shelah.³⁶ Shelah was the son of Cainan. Cainan was the son of Arphaxad. Arphaxad was the son of Shem. Shem was the son of Noah. Noah was the son of Lamech. ³⁷ Lamech was the son of Methuselah. Methuselah was the son of Enoch. Enoch was the son of Jared. Jared was the son of Mahalalel. Mahalalel was the son of Kenan. ³⁸ Kenan was the son of Enosh.^[j] Enosh was the son of Seth. Seth was the son of Adam. Adam was the son of God.

- Because Adam sinned, death came and he lost the life giving light, the likeness of God
- But because Jesus the second Adam, the son of God who died for our sins and rose on the 3 day he restored the image and likeness of God giving us the life-giving light again

- Jesus became the first born out of all creation to carry the image of the invisible God

(Colossians 1:15 nkjv)

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.