

## Open It!

Have you heard it said, "Why, You're the spitten image of your father, or another relative?" The phrase spitten image originally meant "perfect likeness." Who do you resemble most in your family? And, in what ways?

## Read It!

Genesis 1:26-31

## View It!

The Bible Project "Image of God"

<https://youtu.be/YbipxLDtY8c?si=Bp1ayIMm1e62b8L8>

## Discuss It!

Who is God talking to when he says, "Let us..." (1:26, consider Genesis 1:1-3; John 1:1-3; Colossians 1:15-16, Revelation 4:11)?

What does it mean to be made in the image of God or after the likeness of God (1:26)? How does this distinguish us from the rest of the animal world?

What responsibility does God give man and woman for the earth and all living things (1:26-27)?

What does it mean to be blessed by God (1:28)?

What are God's instructions to man and woman (1:28-30)?

What does God's assessment of His creation tell us (1:31)?

How should God's word on the creation of humanity change the way we see life in general, and other people in particular?

## Live It!

What does it mean for us to be the spitten image of our creator?

What does God teach us about gender, being male and female?

What does bearing the image of God require of you?

## Understanding Our Story from the Beginning

*Creation: Filling the Earth - Part 2*

Genesis 1:26-28

Sunday, January 25, 2026

## Sermon Sentence

You Are More Than You Think You Are.

You Are Who God Says You Are!

## God Says You Are Made in His Image!

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, after our likeness... <sup>27</sup> God created humankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them..."

Genesis 1:26–27 (NET)

## Live It!

### **God Says You Are Male or Female!**

*God created humankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them, male and female he created them.*

Genesis 1:27 (NET)

### **God Says You Are His Regents!**

*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."*

Genesis 1:28 (ESV)

Be Fruitful and Multiply!

Fill the Earth and Subdue It!

Have Dominion over Every Living Thing!

### **Live It!**

#### **Further Study:**

Leonard Sax, MD, PhD. *Why Gender Matters? What Parents and Teachers Need to Know About the Emerging Science of Sex Differences.* 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. New York: Harmony Books, 2017.

### **Pray It!**

*Heavenly Father may your name be honored. May your kingdom come. May Your will be done on earth as it is done in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, just as we have forgiven those who sin against us. Keep us from falling into sin when we are tempted. Deliver us from the evil one. Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

Matthew 6:9-13

#### **Further Study:**

Carmen Joy Imes, *Being God's Image: Why Creation Still Matters.* Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2023.