





# THE IMAGE OF GOD IN MANKIND: DAYS SIX & SEVEN

GENESIS 1:28 - 2:3



GENESIS: THE FOUNDATION FOR EVERYTHING



We can characterize our image-bearing from Genesis 1 as *five gifts* of God's grace which are **unique to humankind**.

It is a **gift** of God's grace for us to image Him in the ways He's designed into every person.

# I. God's Gift of **Ruling** (Genesis 1:26, 28)

## II. God's Gift of **Relating** (Genesis 1:27)

Every sinful **failure** we experience in how we relate to each other reflects our failure to image God due to our **fallen** nature.

And that failure is the sure sign of our need for **God's Savior** to **redeem** our fallen nature.

### III. God's Gift of **Reproducing** (Genesis 1:28)

*“Marriage is to be held in **honor** among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled, for the sexually immoral and adulterers God will judge.” (Heb. 13:4)*

Mankind's defilement of God's blessing of marriage, intimacy, children, and family reveals our **spiritual bankruptcy** -- our **spiritual separation** from God in our **hearts**.

## IV. God's Gift of **Replenishing** (Genesis 1:29-31)

“Divine providence is God's **preserving** His creation, **operating** in every event in the world, and **directing** the things in the universe to His appointed end for them.” *(John MacArthur)*

## IV. God's Gift of **Replenishing** (Genesis 1:29-31)

These laws of nature are **always** under God's **sovereign** control, so that God retains the right and the power to **suspend** these laws by **miracles**.

**Creation** is God working miracles in His world.



## IV. God's Gift of **Replenishing** (Genesis 1:29-31)

The world is not self-sustaining, but is sustained by God, its Creator, as the Lord tells us that:

*“While all the days of the earth remain, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night, **shall not cease.**”*  
(Gen 8:22)



## IV. God's Gift of **Replenishing** (Genesis 1:29-31)

*“And God saw all that He had made...”* stresses God's careful, **authoritative** perspective of creation.

*“And behold...”* creates **expectation**, **exclamation**, and gives **force** to God's **declaration** about what He's done: *“God saw...and behold, it **was very good.**”*



## V. God's Gift of **Resting** (Genesis 2:1-3)

- *day one*
- *a second day*
- *a third day*
- *a fourth day*
- *a fifth day*
- *a day, the sixth*
- *a day, the seventh*

Genesis 1:31 **completes** creation, and Genesis 2:1 definitively **closes** creation.



## V. God's Gift of **Resting** (Genesis 2:1-3)

*“And on the **seventh** day...”* the number seven being the Hebrew number of completion and perfection, *“...God **completed** His work which **He had done**....”* (Gen. 2:2)



## V. God's Gift of **Resting** (Genesis 2:1-3)

God's handiwork in creation is complete in that it now perfectly reflects **His character** in just the ways **He designed** for it to do.

The original creation was a **masterpiece** reflecting its **Master Crafter**.



## V. God's Gift of **Resting** (Genesis 2:1-3)

Creation week is the **basis** for our work week. God took the time that He did, six days to create and the seventh to rest, because He was establishing for the **cycle of our weekly endeavors**.



A person stands on a dark, silhouetted hill under a vast night sky. The Milky Way galaxy is visible, stretching from the horizon where the person stands, up towards the top of the frame. The sky is filled with numerous stars, and the overall color palette is dominated by deep blues, purples, and oranges from the galaxy's light.

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