



THE IMAGE OF GOD IN MANKIND: THE SIXTH DAY

GENESIS 1:27



GENESIS: THE FOUNDATION FOR EVERYTHING

Why does Genesis matter so much?

“Well, God wrote it. Whoever takes His words at **face value**, who treasures ‘the words of His mouth more than my necessary food’ (Job 23:12), engages in a lifelong journey of **trusting** Him.” *(Brian Thomas)*

“To know God and His intentions for humanity, we must start where the Scripture starts: **Genesis 1**. Many Christians derive their doctrine of origins from this chapter. This landmark text, however, offers not simply knowledge of God’s creative work, but **knowledge of God’s design of humanity**.” *(Owen Strachan)*

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

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

*"And **God created** mankind... **He created** him... **He created** them."*

Three times the verse emphasizes God creating human beings.

A critical addition to the narrative: what is being created here is being made in God's own image:

*"And God created man **in His own image, in the image of God** He created him, male and female He created them."*

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

Create (*barah*) = to shape, fashion, or create -- **always with God as the subject**; always with God as the One doing the shaping or fashioning.

The literary structure of verse 27 shows divine action: “**God created** *man in His own image...*,” then the recharacterization of that creative shaping expressed as “...in the **image of God**....”

Divine action: “...**He created** *him*...”

Divine characterization: “...**male** and **female**...”

Divine action again: “...**He created** *them*.”

God **creates** and **characterizes** what He made because He is the divine Designer, Shaper, and Fashioner.

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

God designed you to **relate** to Him and to others as a boy or a girl.

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Your relationship with God is what most defines the person you are.

You are either **rightly** related to God by **faith** in Jesus Christ, or you are spiritually **separated** from God by your **absence** of faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord.

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The one who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the witness which God has borne witness about His Son. And the witness is this, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have that life.” (1 John 5:10-12)

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If you doubt or disbelieve what Genesis 1-2 reveals to us about **God as Creator**, based on the **plain** and **literal** reading of these chapters as true, **historical** narrative, then you rob yourself of the truths the Bible reveals about the foundation for who you are and why you exist.

If you doubt or disbelieve God's account of making you in His image as a male or female, you **rob** yourself of **biblical truths** to help you navigate the harsh realities of this life and help you faithfully combat lies which work against God **redeeming** and **redefining** you into His treasured workmanship, **regardless** of your past experience.

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Every lie countering God's truth is, at its root, a lie about God's design for relationships based on being made in His image.

Satan would make you a **prisoner** of your past, a **victim** of your failures, and a **slave** to what others have done to you or to what you have done to others.

*“And God created man in His own image,
in the image of God He created him;
male and female He created them.”*

When the Bible speaks of you as a created being,
it tells you the truth about your value and uniqueness
in God's created order.



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