

“Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness...”

Genesis 1:26-27(NASB): ²⁶ Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” ²⁷ God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Genesis 5:1-3 (NASB): This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day when God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. ² He created them male and female, and He blessed them and named them Man in the day when they were created. ³ When Adam had lived one hundred and thirty years, he became the father of *a son* in his own likeness, according to his image, and named him Seth.

Psalm 139:13-18 & Isaiah 44

In considering these verses, we believe that “God created man”, while “the fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.” **Psalm 53:10** and **Psalm 10:1** says, “The wicked, in the haughtiness of his countenance, does not seek *Him*. All his thoughts are, “There is no God.”

What was it that grieved God so much that He was determined to destroy man? How does this help us understand the image and likeness of God and the corruption within our human nature? **Genesis 6:5-8, Psalm 106:19-21**

How do you see this contrast of belief in the lives of people who you know and its effects throughout the world we live in? **Revelation 4:11, Romans 1:20-23, Ephesians 2:10**

What effect does believing and knowing our Creator have on our relationship with others and with our Father? **Malachi 2:10, James 3:9**

Ephesians 1:3-14 (NASB) ³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵ He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace ⁸ which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight ⁹ He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him ¹⁰ with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, *that is*, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him ¹¹ also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, ¹² to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory. ¹³ In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of *God's own* possession, to the praise of His glory.

How or in what ways do these scriptures help us understand the implications to our lives that we are created in God's image and according to His likeness? **Ephesians 2:10, Romans 1:20**

Jesus - The perfect man in who we see the perfect image and likeness of God

“No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.” **John 1:18**

John 6:46, John 14:9, 2 Corinthians 4:4, Colossians 1:15 & Hebrews 1:3

Any closing thoughts on the personal application of being created in His image, according to His likeness?