



Shepherd's Path

A Shepherd's Personal Devotions

Discover the Design Series, Lesson 5

Lesson Title: Man: The Image of God

Take Home Point: God made us in his image – we have a spirit that can live forever.

Warm-Up:

Have you ever had a child ask, "What does God look like?" Perhaps you've asked that question yourself. It's not an unreasonable question, since God presents himself as a person. Adults and children both tend to have a mental image of God when they think about him, and the image is likely to be very human in appearance. Is that what it means to be made in God's image? As someone once said, "God created mankind in his image, and we've been trying ever since to return the favor!"

Read: Genesis 1:26-27, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 5:22-23

Observation (What happened?):

What in all of God's creation is made in his image?

What place does this give human beings in God's creation? (Read Psalm 8:3-8 as well.)

Interpretation (What does it mean?):

What do you think it means to be made in God's image?

Who do you think God was referring to when he said, "Let **us** make humans in **our** image, in **our** likeness"? (Hints: Genesis 1:2 and Colossians 1:14-16)

Insight:

Have you ever considered what it means to be made in God's image? What traits do you have that God has? Can you see all, be everywhere at once, or have power over everything? Do you exercise perfect justice, mercy, love, and wisdom? No one who understands their humanity would dare answer yes to these. So what does it mean? It means our soul, our being, is infinite. The God of infinite personality made us like him! Could you ever completely 100% know yourself or anyone else? Is there any limit to your thoughts, feelings, imagination, mental or spiritual growth? Of course we are limited by the physical aspect of life, but only because of sin. Adam and Eve were not created to get sick or fail or die. That's the result of sin and all our being is stained by it. But the infinite depth of our soul is authentic testimony to our creation by an infinite God.

Application (What does it mean to me?):

How do you view the sanctity of human life? How does God's perspective of human beings in his creation affect your view? How should it?

Think of two eternal, infinite souls that you are in contact with this week. Take some time to pray that your contact with them will demonstrate the love and presence of Jesus.

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