

**Series "In The Beginning...God"**  
**Day 6: The Creation of Man**  
**Genesis 1:26-31**  
**Study-6**

**(NLT) Psalm 8:3-9**

**"Crown of All Creation" Human Life.**

**Divine Plan - "Let Us make man**

**Divine Pattern - In Our image, according to Our likeness;**

**Divine Purpose - Let them rule**

David the Psalmist asks the same question several times: **Psalm 144:3-4**

**Romans 1:20-23 "They Are without excuse"**

**Note - Genesis 1:27** This word **"created"** is used **three times** indicating a special creation.

**The Thought Of Our Passage:** A Divine Plan To Make Man,  
A Divine Pattern In God's Image, And A Divine Purpose To Let Man Rule.

**1. Verses 26-27 God's Image In Man**

**2. Verses 28-31 God Charged Man**

**1. Verses 26-27 God's Image In Man:**

**Genesis 1:26 Then Context – Day #5, Verses 20-23** God filled the waters with life, God filled the sky with birds. **Day #6, Verses 24-25** God filled the earth with land animals, insects. **Genesis 1:25 and God saw that it was good.**

**God said, "Let Us** plural pronoun Who would this be? This is what we call the **Trinity**. *We have a divine dialogue of the Trinity!* Trinity revealed in God's name as **Elohim**, which is plural, we saw the Spirit of God hovering over the formless earth **Genesis 1:2**

**Let Us** it is the **"Trinity" word Tri-** *"having three,"* **unity-** *"wholeness, one"* *"three are one, the one is three"* *"God as an undivided unity expressed in the threefold nature of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit."* **Psalm 110:1**

**1. God Is One.** The God of the Old Testament is the same God of the New Testament. **Deuteronomy 6:4 The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!**

**2. Trinity Is A Threefold Participation In Salvation. God Remains An Undivided Unity. Ephesians 1:3-17**

### **3. The Doctrine Of The Trinity Is An Absolute Mystery. Deuteronomy 29:29**

**Divine Plan: (Let Us make man)** Not said of animals, only man. **"Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; three times created"** is said, **27**

Our passage **Genesis 1:26-31** is the bereft narrative **Genesis 2:7-25** is the detail

**man-** Hebrew "*Adam*"

**Divine Pattern: in Our image, according to Our likeness; (image & likeness synonymous "replica")** That man is the only one in God's creation that this is said **"according to Our likeness;" John 4:24 "God is spirit,**

**God Planned For His Son To Take On Human Flesh - Hebrews 10:5  
Philippians 2:7; Colossians 1:15; 1 Corinthians 15:49; 1 John 3:2**

**according to Our likeness;** We humans use our minds, we use logic, and reason.

**James 3:9 made in the likeness of God;** We are sinners but bear His likeness!

#### **5 Suggested Areas Of Likeness:**

**1. Man Is A Spiritual Being Able To Worship God** – Animal cannot worship the creator. Man is incurably religious by nature.  
**Ecclesiastes 3:11**

**God Is Triune And So Is Man: 1 Thessalonians 5:23**

**2. Man Has Moral Consciousness** – Man can sense guilt and shame for sinful actions. A pit bull, a bear, or a lion can kill a man and think nothing is wrong, they got a warm meal. **Right from wrong!**  
**Romans 2:15**

**3. Intellect - To Think Abstractly** – Animals operate off instincts that God has built into them. We can approach problems and by using the mind, learning from the past, by weighing the pros and cons, can work through many problems.

**Understand Beauty** – Man is capable of design, of making beautiful things. Animals just make messes.

**4. Relational Likeness** – we are relational beings. God said, "Let Us" We need others. Companionship. Adam, in **Genesis 2**, not good for man to be alone. God is first.

**Emotions** – People can experience depression, happiness, love, hate, Joy **Disappointment, Regrets** - looking back, bitterness, anger, resentment!

**The Will to choose** – Man is capable of making a choice.

**5. Physical Likeness** – Jesus came in a physical body. God uses man’s senses.  
**God Laughs – Psalm 2:4; God Sees – Proverbs 15:3;**  
**God Smells – Genesis 8:21**  
**God Hears – 1 John 5:14; God Speaks – 2 Peter 1:18;**  
**God Touches – Genesis 32:32**

and let them **Speaks that the creation of man and woman is unique in that God made only one man, and one woman.**

**Divine Purpose: 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**

**1<sup>st</sup> Poetry Of The Bible: Genesis 1:27 God created** This word “**created**” is used **three times** indicating a special creation.

- 1. God created man in His own image,**
- 2. in the image of God He created him;**
- 3. male and female He created them.**

**man in His own image, in the image of God He created him;** We have the crown of His creation. That man is a moral being that alone can have a relationship with God.

**male and female He created them.** There are 2, male or female.

**Genesis 2:7 Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground,**

**formed** Hebrew yatsar “*hands-on*” describes God’s personal involvement. **1 Corinthians 15:47 The first man is from the earth,**

**Genesis 2:21-22 Fashioned “*build, rebuilt*” rib** Hebrew **Tesla** “*side*” this rib had flesh, had muscle and other tissue. **Genesis 2:23**

**and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life;** dust and transform it into a human.

**and man became a living being.** Much more than just a body but also having a spiritual part.

- 1. Abortions –**
- 2. Euthanize –**
- 3. Genetic Engineering –**

## **2. Verses 28-31 God Charged Man:**

**Genesis 1:28 God blessed them;** This is Adam and Eve, details in **Genesis 2:18-25**

**Verse 28 - God Charged Man With Procreation - and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, God's 1<sup>st</sup> Command To Man -**

**Verse 28 - God Charged Man To Subdue The Earth: and subdue it; 15 times** "Keep under, tread upon, to make subordinate." **(Land) need to cultivate it!**

**and rule over 27 times** to reign over.

**Rule Over The Animals: the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.** Notice that He sums it up by saying every living thing that moves.

**Verses 29-31 God Charged Man To Eat Vegetation: (Food) every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, eat?**

care for this planet of ours, **Psalm 24:1 The earth is the LORD'S, and all it contains,**

**Genesis 1:30 I have given every green plant for food"; and it was so.** Later after the flood man would eat animals. (Man was a vegetarian before the flood)  
**Genesis 9:3; Psalm 115:16**

**Genesis 1:31 God saw all that He had made,** just so none would miss it, God says that He made it.

**and behold, it was very good.** It was not just good! **Psalm 147:5; Isaiah 55:8-9**

### **Application:**

- 1. Divine Plan "Let Us make man"** Man Was God's Crowning Glory, Only After The Earth Was Fully Ready, God Then Created Man. God Made, But One Man And One Woman.
- 2. Divine Pattern "in Our image, according to Our likeness;"** Man Being God's Crowning Glory Is Unique In Being Exclusively Made In God's Image And Likeness.
- 3. Divine Purpose "let them rule"** God Has Charged Mankind With Procreation, Subdue The Earth, To Enjoy The Earth's Vegetation.