GENESIS 1:24-31

Evidence Found in His Image

What being made by God says about who you are.

Do not eat the bread of a miser, Nor desire his delicacies; For as he thinks in his heart, so *is* he. "Eat and drink!" he says to you, But his heart is not with you.

(Proverbs 23:6-7 NKJV)

INTRODUCTION

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But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

(Romans 3:21-23 NKJV)

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Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new *man* who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave *nor* free, but Christ *is* all and in all.

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3. This truth gives us both dignity and _____ as _____ of God (Genesis 1:26-27; Colossians 3:10; Ephesians 4:24).

PART ONE

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what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet:

(Psalm 8:4-6 NIV)

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"For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts,
Nor *are* your ways My ways," says the
LORD. "For *as* the heavens are higher
than the earth, So are My ways higher
than your ways, And My thoughts than
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(Isaiah 55:8-9 NKJV)

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3. The image of God in humanity is not a claim of deity; it is a call to _____.

PART TWO

The Image of Man Is Evidence of the Reality of God

For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And *that* my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, *And* skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When *as yet there were* none of them. How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! *If* I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You.

(Psalm 139:13-18 NKJV)

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1 Our _____ points to the wisdom and intelligence of our Creator (Psalm 139:14; Romans 1:18-23).

For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law (for not the hearers of the law *are* just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves *their* thoughts accusing or else excusing *them*) in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

(Romans 2:12-16 NKJV)

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2. Our _____points to the holiness and righteousness of our Creator (Romans 2:12-16).

Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for He who promised *is* faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another,* and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

(Hebrews 10:23-25 NKJV)

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3. Our need for _____ points to the relational nature and love of our Creator (Prov 27:17; Heb 10:24,25).

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.
The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. *There is* no speech nor language *Where* their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun,

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Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.

(Genesis 2:15 NKJV)

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6. These qualities do not save us, but they do _____ we were fashioned to reflect Someone _____ than ourselves.

PART THREE

We Have a Responsibility to Bear God's Image Faithfully

"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

(Matthew 5:13-16 NKJV)

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1. Our conduct should reflect the _____ of the God we represent (Matthew 5:16).

With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so. Does a spring send forth fresh *water* and bitter from the same opening? Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh.

(James 3:9-12 NKJV)

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1. Our conduct should reflect the **character** of the God we represent (Matthew 5:16).

2. Our _____ should never bring reproach on the name of God (James 3:9-10; Ephesians 4:29; Matt 26:74).

But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new *man* who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

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3. Through Christ, we should continually _____ into the image we were created to reflect (2 Corinthians 3:18; Colossians 3:10).

4. The gospel not only forgives sinners; it also restores image-bearers.

So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

(Genesis 1:27 NKJV)

CONCLUSION

Your Life Bears Witness to the God Who Made You

1. _____ person bears evidence of the Creator.

2. Though sin distorts that image, God has not _____ His design.

3. In Christ, what was marred can be _____, and what was broken can be restored.

4. Therefore, let us live in a way that clearly reflects the God whose _____ we bear.