

**IN THE BEGINNING GOD****Man in God's Image      Genesis 1:26-2:4a**

*"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image...'"* Genesis.1:26

**Day 1: Read Genesis.1:26-28.**

1. What do man and woman have in common with the birds and livestock and other creatures God made in days five through six? What do man and woman have in common with the Divinity that those other creatures do not? (Ps. 8:4-8)
2. In verses 26 and 28 how does God himself elaborate on what is meant by being made in his image? What role will the human play in God's creation?
3. Looking around you, what kind of report card do we get as rulers over creation since the Fall? In what ways have we gloriously imitated God? In what ways have we abused our role?
4. Who has come to restore integrity and righteousness to the role of man as ruler over creation? (1 Cor. 15:27,28; Heb. 2:6-10)

**Day 2: Read Genesis 1:26, 27.**

5. Notice the plural form of God's speech: "Let *us*," and "in *our* image." Whom do you think God is speaking to or conferring with? What hint about God's being do we glimpse here that will come to fuller expression in the New Testament? (Jn. 14:16,17; 17:5)
6. If God is a Trinity, and the Father and Son and Holy Spirit have been in loving relationship from all eternity, what else can we say is fundamental to being made in his image?

**Day 3: Read Genesis 1:26, 27.**

7. How awesome is it that every human being you will ever meet is stamped with God's image! You interact with many people during the day—bus driver, boss, co-worker, spouse, children-- how does knowing they are made in God's image impact how you treat them differently?
8. Are human beings still created in God's image after the Fall? (Gen. 9:6; James 3:9)

**Day 4: Read Genesis 1:26- 28.**

9. God clarifies in verse 27 that when he said “Let us make man in our image,” he meant what two kinds of people?
  
10. God affirms the same dignity and value of both men and women. How is this developed in the New Testament? (Gal. 3:28; 1 Pet. 3:7b)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. What tasks are both men and women to do together? (v.28)

**Day 5: Read Genesis 1:29- 2:4a**

12. What does verse 29 say that God provided for man? (Ps 104:27, 28)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
13. Since God considers the material world he made “good” (1:31), what should be our view of the material world? (Ps.104:24; 1 Tim.4:4)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
14. The “rest” of God on the seventh day is the rest of completion, not exhaustion. Why does God rest on the seventh day? (v.1,2) What work has Jesus completed? (Jn.4:34)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
15. What other work has God promised to complete? (Phil 1:6)