

START HERE #4: GENESIS 1:26-31 "DAY 6"

CROWNING ACHIEVEMENTS: Last supper DaVinci Beethoven's symphony no 9 "Ode to Joy" Mozart's symphony 41 May Agnelou's I know why caged bird sng, Michelangelo's Creation

- DAY 6: Not the physical (EYE/NEUROLOGY)
- **BEING made in God's image (CRESCENDO) – NOT A MONKEY**

Not ur earthly father – favorite rapper – intell philosopher. professional athlete. busmag

- o STOP TAKING YOUR CUES CULTURE -

MP: God crowned creation by making man and woman in His image.

IMAGO DEI

Let us – OUR IMAGE (Trinity - not the angels or some other being)

BARA (Gen. 1:1- matter & energy Gen. 1:21 – Life (bol) Gen. 1:27 – Imago)

Creative, relational, emotional, w/will, intelligent, spiritual, judicial sense, conscience

Q: Images are created to *image*, to reflect or display the reality or the true.

- Not only something that humanity has – something humanity is (LIVING)
- God made image bearers – reflect HIM **so that people would know him**

Kings populate territory w/their images – GOD POPULATED EARTH W/HIS - **LIFT**

ESTABLISHED DIGNITY AND VALUE FOR EVERY HUMAN BEING

C.S. LEWIS There are no ordinary people. You have never met a mere mortal.

WORLD – VALUE = make more money, have sex with more people, engage more

followers, own a nicer car, wear designer clothes, cool – **BIBLE – IMAGO DEI**

- STOP IT – STOP LISTENING TO THE WORLD – **HAMSTER ON WHEEL (MORE)**
- **DIGNITY (worthy of honor/respect) AND VALUE (important useful or worth) –**
 - o **JOINED PURPOSE IN LOVINGLY OVERSEEING CREATION**
 - o **IMAGO DEI – EVERY PERSON – EM - DRUNK ON FREMONT STREET**

ID LOST THROUGH SIN BUT RESTORED IN CHRIST

MILTON'S Paradise lost (not Eden but image of God lost – broken relationship)

- **THE FALL** Defaced not destroyed

BROKEN IMAGE: adultery, exploitation, neglect, abuse – THAT'S NOT GOD / DEVIL

Evolution says we are getting better and better through a ground up process of natural selection. The Bible says we have fallen from God and are defaced as image bearers in a top down regress that can only be restored by the gospel of Jesus Christ.

- o **GOSPEL – BORN AGAIN/NEW CREATURE/NEW NATURE**

AS IMAGE BEARERS WE REFLECT THE FATHER

Ephesians 5:1 Be imitators of God as beloved children.

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:49 And as we have borne the image of the *man* of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly *Man*.

Romans 8:29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son.

○ FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT – PRACTICAL REFLECTION

Live in a way, think in a way, speak in a way, treat people in a way, see the world in a way that reflects the person of God.

AS IMAGE BEARERS WE UNDERSTAND

- **PEOPLE SHOULD BE TREATED WITH RESPECT**

James 3:9 (speak) With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the image of God. **This shouldn't be happening**

- **LIFE SHOULD BE PROTECTED** (not just vengeance, revenge, violation)

Genesis 9:6 Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man.

EVERY SOCIAL JUSTICE: IMAGO DEI – racism, misogyny, trafficking – exploitation - pornography – **DIVINE RECKONING BC IMAGO DEI**

Stop letting the world tell you who you are and start listening to who God says you are.