

### Genesis 1:26 - Outline

- 1. Introduction to Genesis 1:26
  - A. Primary Scripture: Genesis 1:26
    - i. "Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.'"
- 2. The Nature of God in Creation
  - A. Triune God (The "Us") in Genesis 1:26
    - i. Deuteronomy 6:4: "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one."
    - ii. Matthew 3:16-17: Baptism of Jesus showing the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
    - iii. John 1:1-3: Jesus (the Word) being God and involved in creation.

### B. God as Creator

- i. Psalm 33:6: "By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth."
- ii. Colossians 1:16: "For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth..."

## 3. III. Image and Likeness of God

- A. Significance of Being Made in God's Image
  - i. Genesis 5:1-3: "In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God."
  - ii. James 3:9: "With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God."

## B. Spiritual Image and Likeness

- i. \*\*Ephesians 4:24\*\*: "And that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness."
- ii. \*\*Colossians 3:10\*\*: "And have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him."

### 4. IV. The Dominion Mandate

- A. Authority Given to Mankind
  - i. Psalm 8:5-6: "For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet."
  - ii. Genesis 9:1-2: Post-flood reaffirmation of mankind's dominion over animals.

# 5. V. The Fall and Its Impact on God's Image in Man A. Introduction of Sin and Its Consequences

- i. Genesis 3:17-19: The curse following Adam's sin.
- ii. Romans 5:12: "Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned."

# B. Subsequent Need for Redemption

- i. Romans 8:29: "For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son."
- ii. 2 Corinthians 5:17: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have

passed away; behold, all things have become new."

# 6. VI. The Restoration Through Christ

### A. New Creation in Christ

- i. John 3:3-5: Necessity of being born again to see the Kingdom of God.
- ii. 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."

## B. Role of the Holy Spirit in Transformation

- i. Ephesians 2:10: "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."
- ii. Romans 8:9-11: The Spirit of God dwelling in believers and giving life.

- 7. VII. Application: Living as Image-Bearers
  - A. Reflecting God's Image in Daily Life
    - i. 1 Peter 2:9: "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."
    - ii. Galatians 5:22-23: Fruit of the Spirit as evidence of God's work in us.
  - B. Exercising Godly Dominion and Stewardship
    - i. Matthew 5:13-16: Being salt and light in the world.
    - ii. Micah 6:8: "He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?"