

Genesis 1:26-27

☐ **Monday - The Communicable Attributes of God.** Genesis 1:26-27
God created man in His own image and likeness (Gen. 1:26-27). But what likeness can there be between God who is infinite (Isa. 55:8-9) and man who is made of the dust of the earth (Gen. 2:7)? Nevertheless, God's blueprint for man does indeed include finite reflections of His own mighty love, His great wisdom, and His transcendent holiness. They are God's unique stamp upon mankind as His image bearers, and they are what define true humanity. We should take this seriously. God made you as His image bearer, representative, and ambassador. Fulfill your created purpose! Read Genesis 1:26-27

☐ **Tuesday - The InCommunicable Attributes of God.** Genesis 1:26-27
God created man to bear His image, and that image is comprised of those attributes of God for which man can reflect a finite resemblance; these are called God's "communicable" attributes. But there are other "incommunicable attributes" of God, that man cannot reflect to any degree, like omnipresence, immutability, aseity, and eternity, because these pertain to God alone. Concerning such things, we can only know as much as God has revealed in His written Word. But when our comprehension reaches the limit of human understanding, our wonder must turn to worship, as we say with the Psalmist, "Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is too high, I cannot attain to it" (Psa. 139:6), "blessed be the name of the Lord" (Psa. 113:2)! Read Romans 11:33

☐ **Wednesday - Finite in Man, Infinite in God.** Genesis 1:26-27
God's attributes like holiness, love, and wisdom are *not* different parts of God; for God does not have parts, but is one Essence. Theologians call this the simplicity of God. No, rather, each of God's attributes describe the whole Essence of God. And, like God, all of His attributes are infinite, eternal, and unchanging. And so, even if some of God's attributes find a finite resemblance in the image of God in man, the infinitude of them is found only in God. Read Psalm 103:13-17

☐ **Thursday - The Holiness of God & Man.** Genesis 1:26-27
"In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Seraphim stood above Him, each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called out to another and said, 'Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory'" (Isaiah 6:1-3). Holiness is an intrinsic attribute of God. God cannot be or do anything unholy, because He is constrained by His own infinitely holy character. Furthermore, the only source of holiness in men or angels is God. But even though holiness is a communicable attribute of God (Lev. 11:44), God's holiness transcends creaturely holiness in men and angels by such a degree that even holy angels look not upon Him who is transcendentally holy. Read Psalm 99

☐ **Friday - One Planet, Under Man, Under God.** Genesis 1:26-27
The Bible declares, "The Lord has established His throne in the heavens and His sovereignty rules over all" (Psa. 103:19). But as part of the image of God in man, the Lord has set man to rule over the earth (Gen. 1:26-27). And so, we must exercise good stewardship over the earth, as one planet, under man, under God. Read Genesis 1:26-28