

CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

Genesis 1:26-27

These two verses matter desperately to me. What do they say about me? And what do they say about God? If we had to put vv.26-31 in just the simplest terms, what would we say?

V.-26—**WE** made you!

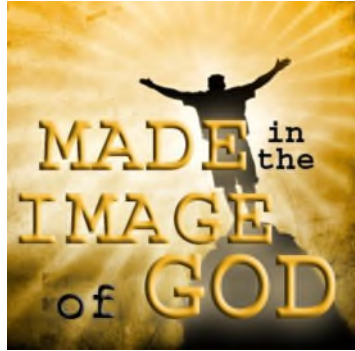
V. 27— You reflect **US**!

V. 28—Take charge of all **I** have made!

V.-29-30—**I'LL** provide for you!

V. 31—This is a very good plan!

THE IMPLICATIONS ARE FAR-REACHING!



So exactly how is man created in the image of God? What is it that makes him totally unique?

It is all summed up in the matter of **PERSONHOOD!** (From J.Cottrell-Faith Once For All)

1— Man possesses **Personal Consciousness!**—Self-awareness. (Not just where I am, but **WHAT I am**)

2— Man possesses **Intellectual Capacity!**—can reason, discern, use logic, acquire knowledge, develop wisdom.

3— Man possesses **Communication Capacity!**—at highly sophisticated levels.

4— Man possesses **Volitional Capacity!** Can make conscious choices between available and viable options.

5— Man possesses **Moral/Ethical Capacity!** - Can sense right and wrong, develop conscience, and a moral ought!

6— Man possesses **Creative Capacity!** For both practical, useful or aesthetic purposes!

7— Man possesses **Emotional Capacity!** Can experience and express joy, sorrow, grief, elation... etc.

8— Man has **Spiritual Capacity!**—Appreciation and response to truth, desire to worship, sense of dependence, dynamic of faith, awareness of eternity.

So what is my life-meaning in light of my God-created personhood?

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