

“Let Us Make Man in Our Image”: Mankind Is Special! (Genesis 1:26-28)

Genesis 1:26-28 – ²⁶ 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. ²⁷ So God created man in His [own] image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

REVIEW

Male and Female He Created Them

1. The primary purpose of gender is procreation (the bearing and raising of children).
2. Marriage (gender) is designed for two people and only two people.
3. Marriage (gender) can only be for two people of the opposite gender.
4. Marriage (gender) requires two which are similar yet different.
5. Marriage (gender) assumes the design and blessing of sex by God.
6. Marriage (gender) would assume a relationship between adults.
7. Marriage (gender) would be limited to human relationships.

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1. Mankind Is Similar to the Animals:

- a. We are similar in design (= Common Designer)
- b. We are similar in physical makeup (same chemical elements)
- c. We were created on the same day

2. Mankind Is Different than the Animals:

- a. Man is a completely separate step – We were not created at the same time as the animals.
- b. We were not just announced, but God’s was personally involved in creating each individual (Genesis 2 gives a more detailed account)
- c. Our Creation Is Personal with God’s “Let Us”

Finally, in the climactic act of creation, God created humankind. He did not say “Let the land produce humankind.” He gave special attention to the creation of the human race. The command was given to Himself, when He said, “let us make man in our image (or pattern), after our likeness (with similarity and potential).” *The Complete Biblical Library*

d. Earth Was Created for Mankind

e. Mankind Rules Over All of The Earth

3. Man is Created in the Image & Likeness of God!

- a. The image of God is passed on – Gen 5:1-3
- b. Sin marred the image of God, but did not remove it (Gen 9:6)
- c. The Image Of God Sets Us Apart from the Animals – We Are Special!
 - i. Our value indicated by the penalty for murder (Genesis 9:6)
 - ii. Our value is indicated by the honorable speech required (James 3:9-10)

Coming Up:

- What the image of God is and isn’t
- What are the obligations of being created in the Image of God?