



THE BEGINNING
THE BEGINNING OF MAN
GENESIS 1:26-31

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1. Live _____
(vv. 26-27)

Genesis 1:26–31 (ESV)
26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and 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 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." 29 And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. 31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2. Treat _____
(vv. 26-27)

3. Live _____
(vv. 26-28)

4. Use _____
(vv. 29-31)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. As we wrap up Genesis 1, we've repeatedly seen the emphasis of the text on the fact that we are created beings and the implication that God alone is worthy of our worship, trust, and obedience. What will you take away from this chapter as the most significant way these truths should affect your daily life?
2. Why is it important for us to connect the dots from a biblical concept like the image of God to cultural issues in our own day? When issues like race or gender come up, how can the image of God navigate these topics in a biblical way in the future?
3. **Read Colossians 3:9-10.** How do these verses inspire you to greater holiness and a greater knowledge of God? What steps can you take this week to pursue these things?
4. **Read Psalm 127:3-5.** How does the thought of these verses go against the grain of our culture? How might some of those non-biblical, cultural ideas creep into your own thinking?
5. **Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19.** As people who live in an affluent society, how can you avoid the errors of trusting in or idolizing material wealth on one hand while not neglecting to enjoy with gratitude God's creation and material blessings on the other?

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Hoekema, Anthony A. *Created in God's Image*. Eerdmans Publishing, 1986.

Lutzer, Erwin. *No Reason to Hide*. Harvest House Publishers, 2022.

MacArthur, John. *Biblical Doctrine*. Crossway, 2017.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Ask God to transform us more and more to resemble and represent him.

Pray that our culture would come to see the importance of humans being created in the image of God.

Pray that Family Weekend would help us to approach family in light of eternity.

Pray that 2023 is the most faithful and fruitful year of evangelism in your life.

Pray that God will provide a long-term home for CBCTV through the Taking Ground project.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	Old Testament	New Testament
9/18	Psalms 79-82	Colossians 3:1-11
9/19	Psalms 83-86	Colossians 3:12-25
9/20	Psalms 87-89	Colossians 4
9/21	Psalms 90-93	1 Thessalonians 1
9/22	Psalms 94-97	1 Thessalonians 2
9/23	Psalms 98-102	1 Thessalonians 3