

SERMON NOTES
8:00AM – January 18, 2009
Uniqueness of Man; the Image of God

- I. Genesis 1:26-28
- a. Human life is (unique) and (sacred) to God.
 - b. The likeness and (image) of God is invested only in (mankind).
- II. Five Concepts Concerning the Image Of God in Man
- a. (ability to exercise dominion)
 - b. (ability to exercise rational and moral capacity)
 - c. (possession of mind-emotions-will)
 - d. (human makeup of body-soul-spirit)
 - e. (ability to reflect the glory of God)
- III. Image of God, Likeness of God
- a. Definition of image (a model, drawing, or a shadow)
 - b. Definition of likeness (a simile, something similar to another)
- IV. Psalm 139:1-16
- a. God is concerned about the (smallest details) of human life.
 - b. Psalm 139 reveals three characteristics of God that He alone possesses.
 - i. (omnipresence-He is everywhere, all at the same time)
 - ii. (omnipotence-He is all-powerful)
 - iii. (omniscience-He is all-knowing)
 - c. Verses 13-16 reveal intricate details of development within the womb. They speak of the development of (the human embryo).
 - d. God acknowledges David as being (fully human), though he is seen here in the embryonic state of development. This is contrary to what many believe.
- e. List some of the common misperceptions concerning the unborn. Many consider the embryo to be nothing more than (a part of the mother's body, less than fully human, a mass of tissue, etc.)
- f. At what point of development does God consider the human embryo to be fully human? (at the moment of conception)
- g. In Psalm 139:16 David writes, "In Thy book all my members were written..." Explain the meaning to this (God knew the person David would be, and the fullness of David's humanity even when David was in his mother's womb)
- h. He also writes, "...which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them." What is revealed in this phrase (the days were fashioned for David's life before they ever existed)
- V. Romans 1:31 and II Timothy 3:3 use the phrase, "without natural affection." (KJV). Other translations (ESV, NKJV) render it as "heartless, unloving." What does the original word refer to? (lack of family and maternal love and care; no security)
- VI. Conclusion:
- a. Only man bears the (likeness) and the (image) of God.
 - b. God (preserves), protects, and (cherishes) human life.
 - c. Human life begins at the moment of (conception).
 - d. God personally attends to the (development) of the unborn in the womb.
 - e. God has a plan for man, and each person should (seek to glorify) His name throughout all of life.
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