

One Creature Made in His Image

Psalm 8; Genesis 1:27-28

In this sermon series we speak of utterly unique realities: there is only one God, only one creature made in His image, and only one Mediator between God and man. Life can be complicated, confusing, and full of demands, but in the number one we find the simple and ultimate truth we need.

Humans were made in the Image of God:

*Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness."
(Gen 1:26)*

Question: But what does this mean?

Answer: Wondrous things!

Psalm 8: The wonder of being human!

- The wonder of knowing God (8:1-2, 9)
 - No surprise that the Image of God *knows* God.
- The wonder of seeing the heavens above (8:3)
 - It's amazing– and humbling.
- The wonder of being cared for by God (8:4)
 - Yes, we're a *speck* in the universe. But a special one! Size doesn't matter.

- The wonder of being honored by God (8:5-8)
 - Humans *rule*. No really, we do.
 - Dominion and stewardship: Genesis 1:28 and 2:15
 - Dominion sounds bad, but it's an obvious truth. And stewardship tells us what it should look like.
- In summary, our human uniqueness is at least this:
 - In relation to God: We know Him
 - In relation to the world: We rule on His behalf

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q10:

Q: How did God create man?

A: God created man male and female, after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.

Questions for Further Reflection and Application:

1. Read Psalm 8. Have you ever felt the same wonder as the psalmist? When was this?
2. What is the focus at the beginning and end of the psalm? What does this tell us about being human?
3. Evaluate this based on Psalm 8: "We are not worms, but kings."
4. How does a biblical view of humanity affect your everyday life? Give an example.