



Morningside Church

Sermon Discussion Guide

Title: The Climax of God's Creation

Date: January 19, 2025

Scripture Text: Genesis 1:26-27

Notes:

Today is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. It is a day when we pause each year to remember that all life is from God, and as a result is precious and should be valued. God does not make mistakes! Each of us are valued by Him and in turn we should value one another. In today's passage we will see the *climax of God's creation* – people! He saved the best for last. He spent six days making all of creation, saving mankind as the last and greatest of His creation. Eventually He would demonstrate how valuable we are to Him by sending His only Son to pay the penalty of sin, so we would not have to. Let us look at 4 facts about the climax of creation (YOU!).

I. YOU – Created in the Heart of God ([Genesis 1:26](#))

[Genesis 1:26](#) describes the creation of humanity but encompasses more than just Adam and Eve. [Ps. 139:16](#) and [Jer. 1:5](#) describe how God knew us before we were conceived. You preceded your conception. You existed in the heart of God! You are divinely conceived and eternally loved. God desires a relationship with you through His Son Jesus Christ ([John 3:16](#)).

- What does the phrase mean “you preceded your conception”?
- How long has God known you?
- How can you know God better?

II. YOU – Created By the Hand of God ([Genesis 1:26](#))

Think about it! You were created by the hand of God. There is no other like you. You're one of a kind. Life is a sacred thing and is ordained by God. Yet there is an assault on the vulnerable in our society. Life has been devalued and as such is taken lightly. Homicides, suicides, euthanasia, and abortions are prevalent. To be created in the image of God is to be His masterpiece. We need to see one another as God does.

- What does it mean that we were created in God's image (vs. 26)?
- How should that affect how we view ourselves?
- How should it affect how we view others?



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III. YOU – Created in the Image of God ([Genesis 1:27](#))

To be created in the image of God is to be set apart from the rest of His creation. To be created in God's image includes a *superior mental capacity* to the rest of the animals, the presence of a *moral capacity*, and a *spiritual capacity*. No other aspects of God's creation include these elements. This is what makes you sacred and a reflection of the image of God.

- Superior mental capacity means we can think abstractly, read and write ideas, and speak different languages.
 - How does having a superior mental capacity reflect God's image?
 - How does having a superior mental capacity impact our relationship with God?
- Moral capacity is an innate awareness of right and wrong.
 - How does having moral capacity reflect God's image?
 - How does having moral capacity impact our relationship with God?
- Spiritual capacity is the ability to worship. We have the capacity for a living, loving relationship with God.
 - How does having spiritual capacity reflect God's image?
 - How does having spiritual capacity impact our relationship with God?
- How can remembering what it means to be created in God's image motivate us to share about Christ with another?

IV. YOU – Created for Glory of God ([Psalm 24:7-10](#))

[1 Cor. 10:31](#) states that “whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.” We are to bring God glory in all that we do.

- What does it mean to bring God glory?
- What are ways we can bring Him glory in what we say?
- How can our actions bring God glory?
- Can what we think bring Him glory?
- Is God worth our effort to bring Him glory? Why?