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**A Journey Through the
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Exodus 33

7 Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it at a distance outside the camp. He called it the Tent of Meeting, and anyone inquiring of the LORD would go to the Tent of Meeting outside the camp.

8 Then, whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people would stand at the entrances of their tents and watch Moses until he entered the tent.

Exodus 33

9As Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and remain at the entrance, and the LORD would speak with Moses.

10When all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance to the tent, they would stand up and worship, each one at the entrance to his tent.

11Thus the LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend.

Genesis 1

24And **God said**, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, land crawlers, and wild animals according to their kinds.” And it was so.

25God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that crawls upon the earth according to its kind.

And God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1

26 Then **God said**, “Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness, to rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, and over all the earth itself and every creature that crawls upon it.”

27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

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Genesis 1

28 God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and every creature that crawls upon the earth.”

29 Then God said, “Behold, I have given you every seed-bearing plant on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit contains seed. They will be yours for food.

Genesis 1

30 And to every beast of the earth and every bird of the air and every creature that crawls upon the earth—everything that has the breath of life in it—I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.

31 And God looked upon all that He had made, and indeed, it was very good.

And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

Genesis 2

7 Then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed the breath of life into his nostrils, and the man became a living being.

8 And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, where He placed the man He had formed.

9 Out of the ground the LORD God gave growth to every tree that is pleasing to the eye and good for food.

And in the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 2

18 The LORD God also said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make for him a suitable helper.”

19 And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and He brought them to the man to see what he would name each one. And whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.

Genesis 2

20 The man gave names to all the livestock, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found.

21 So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep, and while he slept, He took one of the man's ribs and closed up the area with flesh.

22 And from the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man, He made a woman and brought her to him.

Genesis 2

23 And the man said:

“This is now bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called ‘woman,’
for out of man she was taken.”

24 For this reason a man will leave his father and
his mother and be united to his wife, and they will
become one flesh.

25 And the man and his wife were both naked, and
they were not ashamed.

THREE QUESTIONS

What does it mean that man is created in the image of God?

Is man still in the image of God? Or was it lost in the fall?

For what purpose are we created in the image of God?

What does it mean that man is created in the image of God?

A Mental Being

Self-consciousness – self awareness

Able to reason – to think

Creative – appreciate beauty

Emotional

What does it mean that man is created in the image of God?

A Moral Being

God-consciousness

Adam was created innocent and holy

Possess a will – ability to choose or make decisions

Able to know good and evil (since the fall)

**What does it mean that man is created
in the image of God?**

A Relational Being

Able to communicate

Able to love, care for, share with others relationally

Eternal being – a soul

Relational being that is compatible with God

Is man still in the image of God?
Or was it lost in the fall?

We are still in the image of God
....but that image is marred and tarnished

Genesis 9:6 Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man his blood will be shed; for in **His own image** God has made mankind.

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James 3:9 With the tongue we bless our Lord and
Father, and with it we curse men, who have been
made in God's likeness.

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Because of the cross...

....we are being restored into the image of Christ

Romans 8:29 For those God foreknew, He also predestined to **be conformed to the image of His Son**, so that He would be the firstborn among many brothers.

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....we are being restored into the image of Christ

2 Corinthians 3:18 And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into His image with intensifying glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit

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Colossians 3:9 Do not lie to one another, since you have taken off the old self with its practices, 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the **image of its Creator.**

For what purpose are we created in the image of God?

For relationship with God

To be 'image bearers' who reflect God's glory on
the earth

For what purpose are we created in the image of God?

To be the gift of a Father to a Son –
- to be a bride to eternally love, praise and
worship the Son

Titus 1: 1 Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus
Christ in service of the faith of God's elect and of their
knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness,
2 in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie,
promised before time began.

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2 Timothy 1: 9 He has saved us and called us with a
holy calling, not because of our own works,
but by His own purpose and by the grace He
granted us in Christ Jesus before time eternal.

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2 Corinthians 11:2 I am jealous for you with a
godly jealousy. For I promised you to one husband,
to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.

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