

Genesis 1 | December 03, 2023

Sermon Notes

Made in My Image: Santa Claus

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I. Who Do You Look Like?

II. Two Creation Stories in Genesis

A. First one with six days of creation

B. Second one with Adam and Eve

C. Different authors, same purpose

1. Our God is the Creator of the universe

2. Humanity has a special relationship with God

D. Imago Dei

God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind.

Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them

III. Image of God: Imago Dei

A. Not physically, but what?

B. Character of God including...

IV. The Shattered Image

A. Turning that image inwardly

B. Luke 12 and the Santa Claus Effect

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear... "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom."

1. Either as the cosmic Gift-Giver

2. Or the One making a list and checking it twice

V. Restoring that Shattered Image

A. God refuses to conform to our image of Him

B. Sees something of value in us that we cannot see ourselves

C. "Oh, there you are!"

D. Created in His image to reflect His glory