**Remember Your Creator – Gen.1:26 -27**

**Focal Truth: Almighty God created all humans in the image of God**

Today we consider the glory of Adam & Eve in their original condition before their rebellion & sin against God.

Today we learn the extreme value of humans – male & female to God & creation

**Observations**

1. **Almighty God created all humans - in His own image**

1:26 – *Let Us make man in Our image* - **Image = copy, representation**

1. Humans are **image bearers** of God on earth
2. Humans are **representatives** of God on earth
3. Humans are **rulers** of God on earth
4. Humans are the final crowing creation of God

*When all was prepared on the earth – then God made his king for the earth & provided a place & provisions for all he would need – Gregory of Nyssa*

1. Gen.1:24 – Then God said, let make man in Our image according to our likeness and let them **rule over …**

**Our image = The triune God created humans**

Gen. 1:28 – then God said, be **fruitful and multiply**, and **fill** the earth, and **subdue it & rule over it…**

1. **God commanded man to:**

**Populate** the earth

**Control** – subdue the earth

**Rule** – dominate the earth

 *Atheistic Evolutionist – believe man is the great problem on the planet*

 *“AHumanist Manifesto humanity is a parasitic detrimental species, able to flourish only*

 *exploiting and vandalizing in its path- its disappearance would be a benefit to the world”*

1. **Almighty God created all humans - in His likeness – a living image**

1:26 – *Let Us make man in Our image, according to our likeness….*

2:7 – *then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul*

1. Humans are created in the image or likeness of God
2. Humans are personal living beings – Gen. 2:7 – **man became a living being**

**1:26 – in our likeness = manner, resemblance - Humans possess the living likeness to God – How?**

1. Humans are gifted with a spirit to worship & love God!
2. Humans are self- conscious living beings
3. Humans can make choices by their will as living beings
4. Humans can think rationally, critically & logically as living beings
5. Humans are emotional & feeling living beings
6. Humans are relational capable of giving & receiving love as living beings

**Consider**

1. God breathed the breath of life into humans! Intimacy of the making of humans!
2. When God breathed life into Humans they came to life! God is the giver of life!
3. All these qualities belong to every human – only such qualities could belong to a son of God – His king on the earth!
4. Human are not created in the likeness of the world – but the likeness of God!

*Atheist Evolutionist believe that humans are simply a series of chemical reactions evolving over 200,000 of years – no purpose – no design*

1. **Almighty God created all humans - male & female**

1:26 – *male and female He created them*

2:

Male = *zakar =* the One through whom the parents are continued

Female = nekaybaw = The One through whom humans are born

1. Humans are created male or female with equal standing **before God**
2. Humans are created with distinct biological differences between genders – humans are born either **male or female**
3. Humans are created as **equal persons & having equal value**

*Atheistic Evolutionist Transhumanists believe that humans with their limitations must be replaced*

***As one Transhumanist has said, with the aid of technologies human beings alive today have a chance to become effectively immortal***

**Things to Remember & Do**

1. Humans exist because God created them!
2. Humans exist because God exists!
3. Humans were created male & female having the greatest significance in creation
4. Humans were created by God - Humans are not gods!
5. Humans know God when they know & celebrate their creation as male & female

“only in knowing God will we know ourselves, only in knowing who we really are will we be able to know God…man never attains a true self – knowledge until He has previously contemplated the face of God” Calvin

**God created man in His own image, in the image of God he created him, male and female He created them – 1:27**

**To the praise of the glory of His grace! The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!**