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## Genesis: The Epic Story of Beginnings

Lesson Four • Genesis 1:26-31

### The Crown of Creation - Part 1

#### Why did God create people?

#### Why am I here? What is my purpose in life?

We were created to spread GOD'S GLORY to the ends of the earth.

*But truly, as I live, and as all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.  
Numbers 14:21*

*"Bring My sons from afar and My daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by My name, whom I created for My glory, whom I formed and made." Isaiah 43:6-7*

#### The Crown of Creation

The crowning point of God's creation is MANKIND.

*When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is mankind that You are mindful of them, human beings that You care for them? You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. You made them rulers over the works of Your hands; You put everything under their feet: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! Psalm 8:3-9 NIV*

#### The Crown of Creation

### 1. We Were Created by a Divine PLAN: "Let Us make man"

*Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness..."  
Genesis 1:26*

### 2. We Were Created in a Divine PATTERN: "in Our image"

*So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him;  
male and female He created them. Genesis 1:27*

#### What Does It Mean to Be Created in the Image of God?

- We are a unique REFLECTION of God.
- We have the capacity to RELATE to God.
- We are ultimately RESPONSIBLE to God.

#### Significance of the Image of God

Makes you DISTINCT from animals and gives you DIGNITY as a human being.

#### How should we respond?

Acknowledge God as your Creator and PRAISE His name for creating you in His image.

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