

Imago Dei: The Image of God in Humanity

Sunday, October 20, 2019 --- Genesis 1:26 - 31

So I went down to the potter's house... the vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to do... 'O House of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter has done?' – Jeremiah 18:2 – 5

Gracious and loving God, it is with thankfulness that I hear your call to become Christ-like. Something deep within my heart stirs... The memory of something I was to have been, but am not, yet could still be, flits on the fringes of my consciousness. O Loving God, stir up this hunger in my heart until it becomes the all-consuming passion of my life. – Robert Mulholland

1. Two Worldviews and Two Views of Human Life

- The Doctrine of the Image of God in Genesis and its Implications

2. The Image of God Fully Displayed in Jesus Christ

- For the first time, a man on earth as God intended man to be

Imago Dei: Stewards of God's Creation

So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth. – Genesis 1:27 – 28

God has created the cosmos for Himself... thus our role in subduing and ruling must be seen as a function of stewardship, not of ownership. – John H. Walton

3. The Road toward a God-Centred Environmentalism

- Focused on Eternity, Avoiding Extremes, and Living responsibly on Planet Earth

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

- Why is the Genesis story of human origins so wonderful compared to the alternative?
- If you did NOT believe in the 'image of God' teaching and the restoration of that image that comes in Jesus Christ, would you live differently? How so? Or, why not?
- What environmental extremes do we see today on earth? What are the challenges in knowing how to live responsibly as God's stewards?