

### ***Scripture text outline ...***

**(1) God brings land creatures forth from the earth, 1:24-25.**

**(2) God makes humans in his image and blesses them as rulers of his good Earth, 1:26-31.**

**(3) God takes a victory lap and rests, 2:1-4.**

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### ***Topical outline ... Understanding “made in the image of God” ...***

- **We need to understand how “very good” God’s creation was on Day Six.**
- **We need to understand that God decided to create humans in his image and after his likeness.**
- **We need to understand what an exalted position God gave his human creation in doing this.**
- **We need to understand the context this provides for our salvation.**  
—>Romans 1:16ff.

### ***References humans—the “image” and “likeness” of God.***

- (Genesis 5:1 ESV) This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, he ***made him in the likeness of God.***
- (Ephesians 4:24 ESV) And to put on ***the new self, created after the likeness of God*** in true righteousness and holiness.
- (Colossians 3:10 ESV) And have put on the new self, which is being ***renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.***
- (James 3:9 ESV) With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse ***people who are made in the likeness of God.***

### ***“Let us” ... Reference to the Trinity?***

Some would say that this could not be a reference to the Trinity because their theology would not yet be this developed. However, if we understand that God wrote his Book for every generation of humans, then it is perfectly reasonable that these “holy men of God” wrote down truth for the ages that they did not/could not yet understand.

- (1 Peter 1:12 NLT) They were told that their messages were not for themselves, but for you. And now this Good News has been announced to you by those who preached in the power of the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. It is all so wonderful that even the angels are eagerly watching these things happen.
- (2 Peter 1:16–21 NLT) For we were not making up clever stories when we told you about the powerful coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. We saw his majestic splendor with our own eyes 17 when he received honor and glory from God the Father. The voice from the majestic glory of God said to him, “This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy.” 18 We ourselves heard that voice from heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain. 19 Because of that experience, we have even greater confidence in the message proclaimed by the prophets. You must pay close attention to what they wrote, for their words are like a lamp shining in a dark place—until the Day dawns, and Christ the Morning Star shines in your hearts. 20 Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet’s own understanding, 21 or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God.