

# Welcome to Rehoboth New Life Center

Sunday February 5<sup>TH</sup> 2023 In His Image



In His Likeness

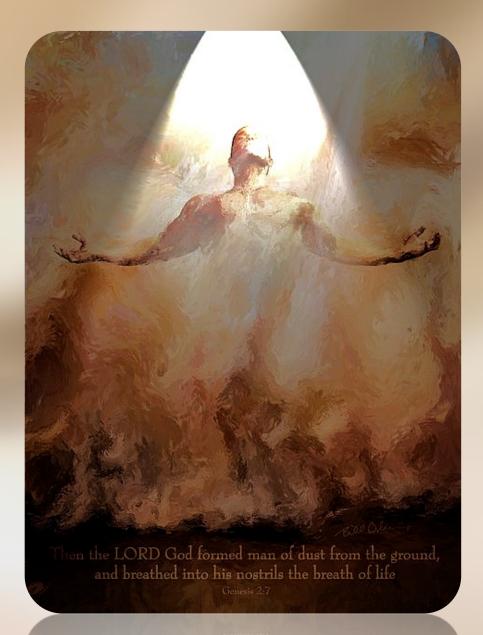
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#### February's Sunday Study Theme



- •The First Image
- •The Full Dimension
- •The False Image
- •The Last Image

#### The First Image: The Glory Of God



- Genesis 1:26 ¶And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.
- 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.
- 28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

#### The First Image Was Meant As A Vessel of Gods Glory



- 1 Corinthians 11:7 For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man.
- Romans 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.
- 1 Peter 5:1 ¶The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:
- Isaiah 43:7 Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

# The Reality Behind The Image



Revelation 4:3 And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

#### To Reflect His Glory!



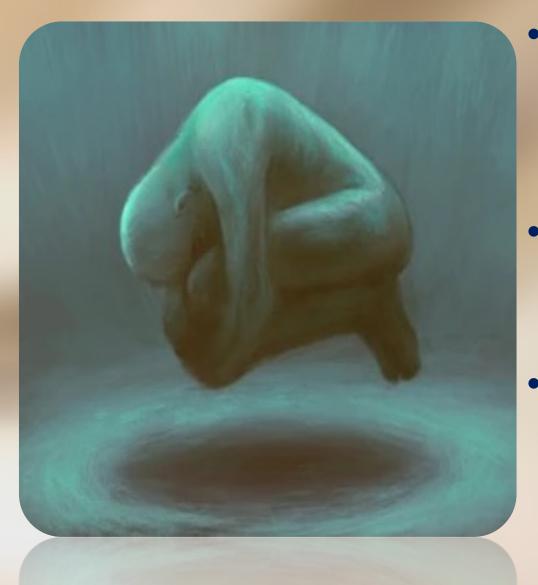
John 17:22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

#### So what has happened?



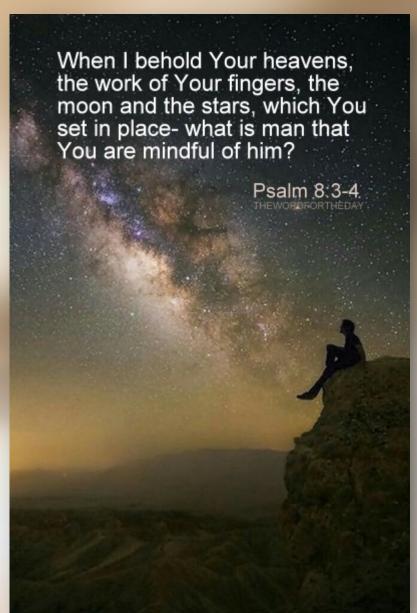
- Ezekiel 28:14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.
- 15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

#### By One Man



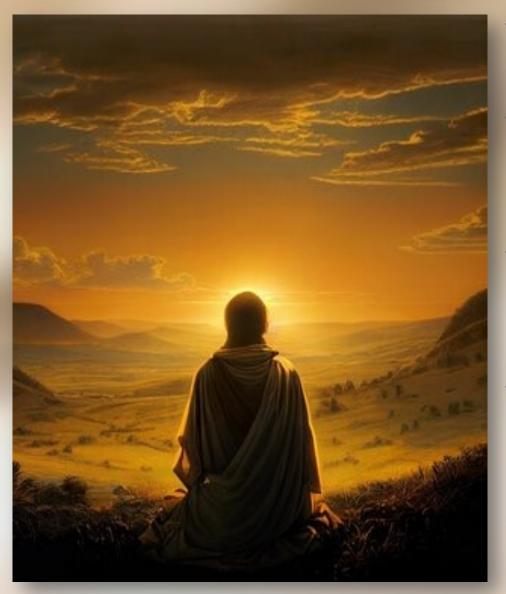
- Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:
- 13 (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.
- 14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

#### The Loss of The First Image



- Psalms 8:4 What is man ("Enowsh" mortal man) that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man( Adam son of God), that thou visitest him?
- 5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.
- 6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:
- Hebrews 2:7 Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands:
- 8 Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.
- 9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

#### The Image of God



- Colossians 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:
- Colossians 1:15, The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.
   (NIV)
- Hebrews 1:1 ¶God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,
- 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

#### What Was Gods Plan?



Ephesians 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

#### The Purpose of God: God is Love



1 John 4:16 - And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

Love is Gods Nature/Essence

God cannot be otherwise than Love!

## So God by Nature is Love



Romans 8:39 - Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 2:7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

# God is not free to change his nature!

Malachi 3:6 For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

#### Man by Nature can change!

The 3 C's of life: CHOICES, CHances, CHances.

You must make a choice to take a chance or your life will never change.

- Start by making Choices
- Choices become habits
- Habits become our character
- And our Character, if maintained becomes our Destiny (Greg Boyd)

#### Mans Nature Changes Through The Spirit



Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

#### Who is this, Son?

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Original Word Word Origin

γένος from (1096)

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Word
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Genos 1:684,117

Phonetic SpellingParts of Speech

ghen'-os ◄)

Noun Neuter

#### Definition

- 1. kindred
  - a. offspring
  - b. family
  - c. stock, tribe, nation
    - i.e. nationality or descent from a particular people
  - d. the aggregate of many individuals of the same nature, kind, sort

King James Word Usage - Total: 21

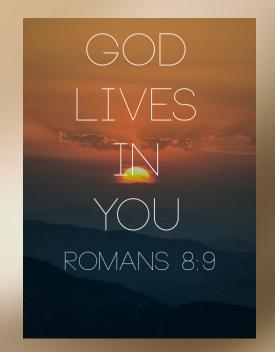
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- Hebrews 1:3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;
- 4 ¶Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.
- 5 For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?
- 6 And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.

#### The Son(The Image Of God) had been given Dominion!



- Hebrews 2:5 ¶For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak.
- 6 But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him?
- 7 Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands:



# Changed Back to the image

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# That we by nature become Love!

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