

1101 CREATIVE LIVING

Supplementary Notes

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THE IMAGE OF GOD

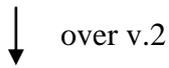
Gift plus Task
 Relational and Royal
 Who I am and What I do.

Key Text: Gen 1:26-27
 (1) image
 (2) dominion (rule)

Paul: 1 Cor 11:7 'image and glory of God'

Exposition: Psalm 8

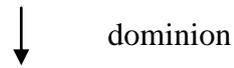
v. 1 God's majesty



v. 3 work of his fingers
 (all things)

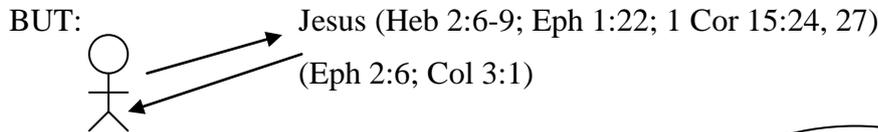
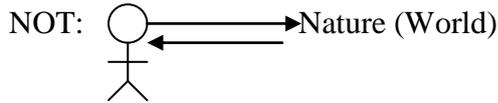
majesty/glory = 's "overness"
 rule
 reign (Rev 5:10; 20:4; 22:5)

v.5 human glory and honour



v. 6 work of God's hands

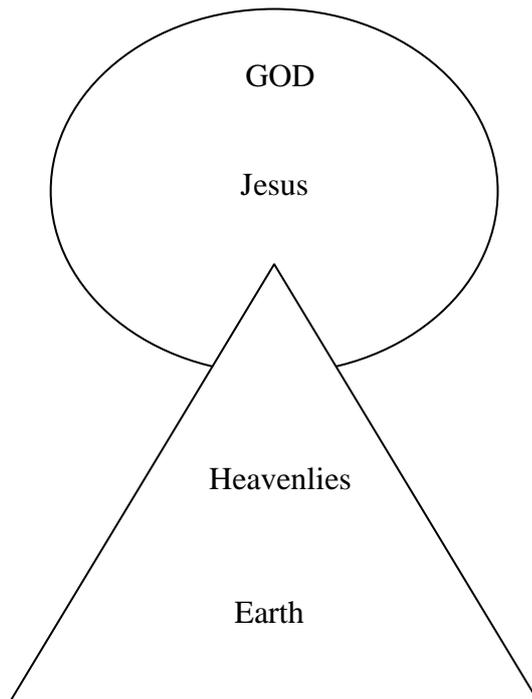
Understanding our Dignity.



All Created Things

- angels
- humans
- animals

cf. Eph 1:20-21; Col 1:15-20; Heb 1:1-4



Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown Him the Lord of the Heav'n
Enthroned in the worlds above
Crown Him the King to Whom is giv'n
The wondrous name of love
Crown Him with many crowns
As thrones before Him fall
Crown Him ye kings with many crowns
For He is King of all

Who am I?

1. The basic mistake of this question:
Psychologically, spiritually (New Age) etc.
—————> framework is set by the questioner (humanism)
2. God does not set the question but states a situation's meaning (Gen 1:26-27)
3. The total meaning of life the universe and everything can only be given from beyond "all things" (Rev 1:4,8; 2:8*; 21:6; 22:13)
4. Jesus is the reason and goal for "all things" (Col 1:16; Eph 1:10)
5. The answer to the original question is therefore the Son of God and not a solution to my problem as I experience it (Key to lock).
6. Jesus identity is his relationship with the Father. Shared with/in his humanity this makes him to be the "image of God" (2 Cor 4:4; Col 1:15; Heb 1:3)
7. To live in the "image of God" truly is to relate as a S/son (child) to the Father. Loved by the Father (John 15:9; 17:23,26) Loving the Father (John 14:31)

You are Worth the Same

TL Osborne tells of a lady who had a deep sense of inferiority. She came to him for help. Her mouth and face twitched uncontrolled as she talked. Her head and shoulders twisted involuntarily. Her whole body reflected her anguish. She clutched at statements that lifted her self-esteem like a drowning person grabs at straws. He led her in this prayer:

"I am created in God's likeness. I am somebody important in God's eyes. He believes in me. He loves me and wants me. I am part of His plan. God loves me as much as he loves anyone else."

She did not seem to be helped by the prayer.

Later TL Osborne was jogging. As he jogged he noticed an old penny on the road. It was battered and beaten by the weather, flattened and hardly recognisable. It had been run over by countless cars and trucks. He bent down and picked it up. The image on the coin was still visible.

God spoke into his heart.

'This battered penny is just as valuable as a brand new coin. It bears the same image. Go and give this to that lady. Tell her that even though she has been battered, scarred and flattened by life, she is as valuable as the most beautiful woman – she too bears the image of God.'

He took the coin and placed it in her hands and gave her God's message. She held it and repeated after him:

My life is battered like this coin, but I am as valuable as the most beautiful person. I too bear the image of God. I am worth the same

