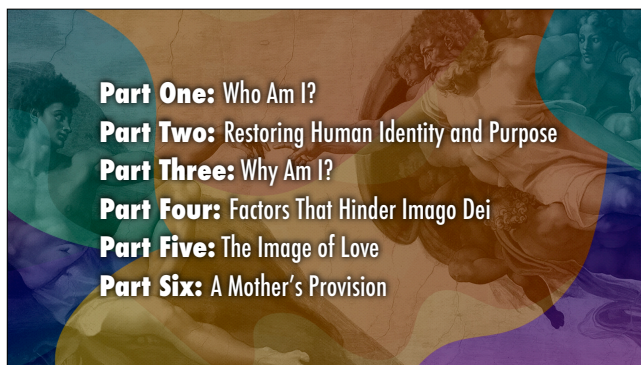
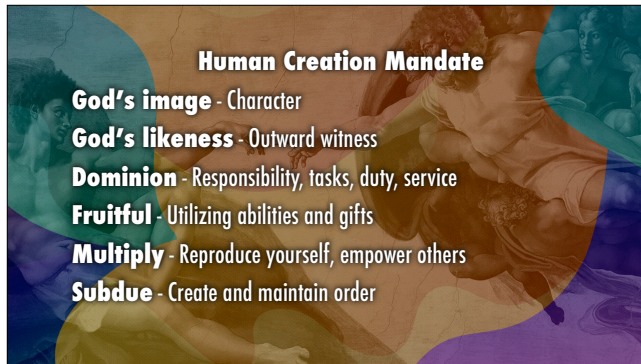


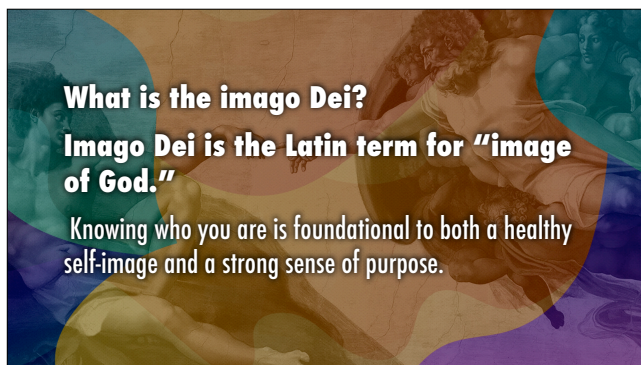
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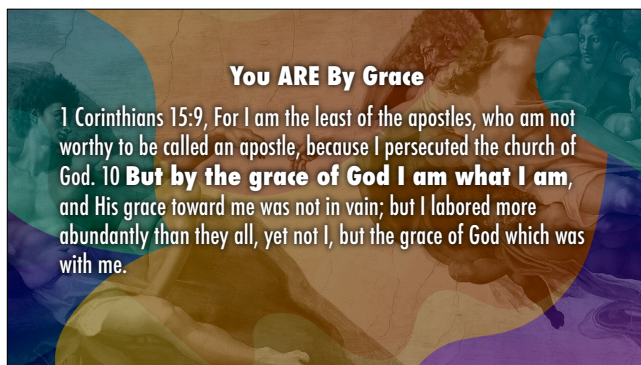
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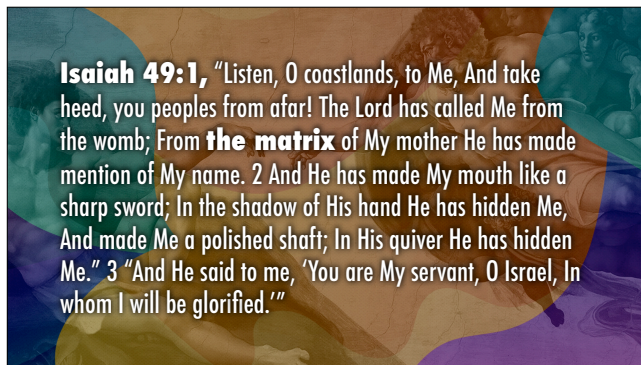
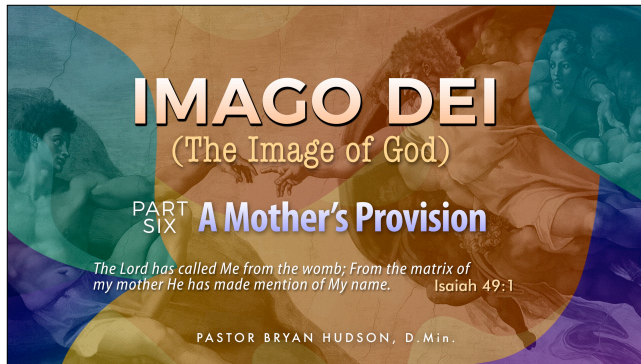
We know what imago Dei meant to Adam. What does it mean to us?



Humankind was created to be an image bearer of the Creator. This ideal state was to be a representation of who God is and what He is like. Of course, humanity is far from this ideal state. "The imago Dei is not a quality possessed by man; it is a condition in which man lives, a condition of confrontation established and maintained by the Creator. ... The imago Dei is that in man which constitutes him as him-whom-God-loves." –John Piper



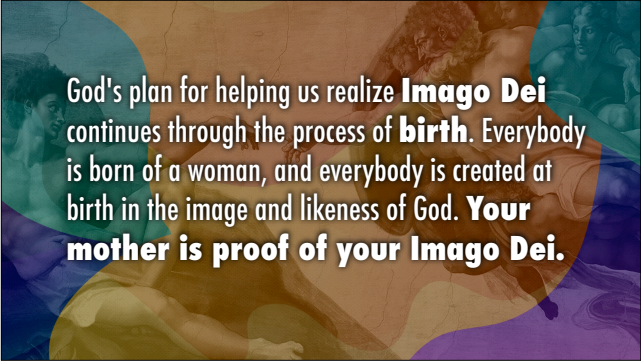
What I am in Christ, grace has made. Grace is favor, but it is also God's ability and heaven's resources made available to you



Isaiah understood his mother's provision. From the MATRIX means "inward parts." But the womb is already within. We could interpret this, with our understanding today, as DNA.

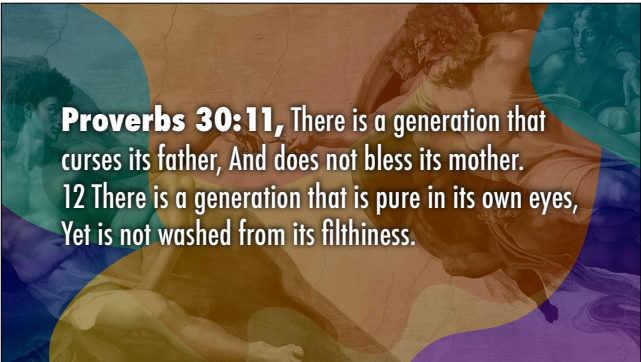
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He said his mouth was a "sharp sword" — perhaps like his mother. He has made me a polished shaft or arrow. Isaiah became a finely made tool or weapon in God's arsenal

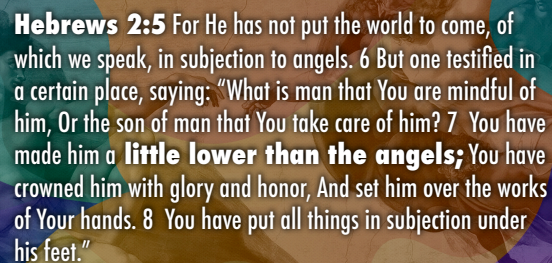


God's plan for helping us realize **Imago Dei** continues through the process of **birth**. Everybody is born of a woman, and everybody is created at birth in the image and likeness of God. **Your mother is proof of your Imago Dei.**

As with Mary, your mother births you into this world. Some children are adopted, but the same principle of applies. Remember that we are all adopted in Christ. Jesus was the only begotten, or born, son.



Proverbs 30:11, There is a generation that curses its father, And does not bless its mother.
12 There is a generation that is pure in its own eyes, Yet is not washed from its filthiness.

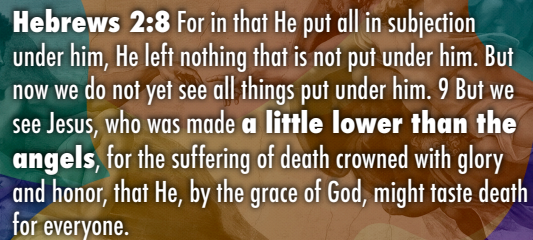


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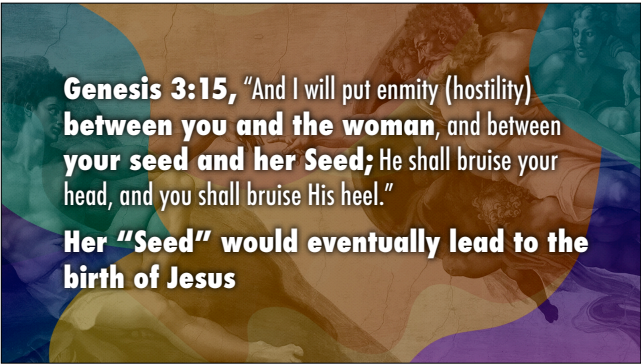
In the Hebrew Psalms 8:5: *Elōhîm* (God)

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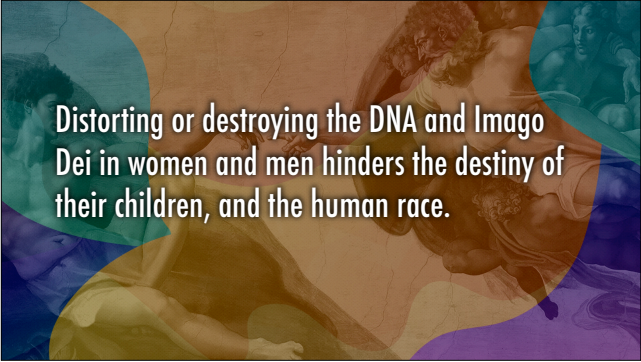
Genesis 3:15, "And I will put enmity (hostility) between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

Her "Seed" would eventually lead to the birth of Jesus

It is interesting to consider how women have been mistreated and denigrated in history, in culture, and in some religions. There has been a demonic effort to eradicate imago day and people by denigrating women who bring people into the world.

We all know the effects on children born to addicts or born into abusive families. Then there are children who are not born at all because of selective abortion.

Mother and father are essential to children knowing who they are, knowing their value, and knowing God.



Distorting or destroying the DNA and Imago Dei in women and men hinders the destiny of their children, and the human race.

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Paul spoke about Timothy's mother & grandmother

2 Timothy 1:5, When I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother **Lois** and your mother **Eunice**, and I am persuaded is in you also.



One of the first mandates and commands to God's people related to **preserving and maximizing Imago Dei**

"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you." (Exodus 20:12)

The purpose of honoring father and mother is in recognizing the image of God and yourself. People who disrespected the people who bring them into the world can never have proper self-respect.
