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# IMAGO DEI

(The Image of God)

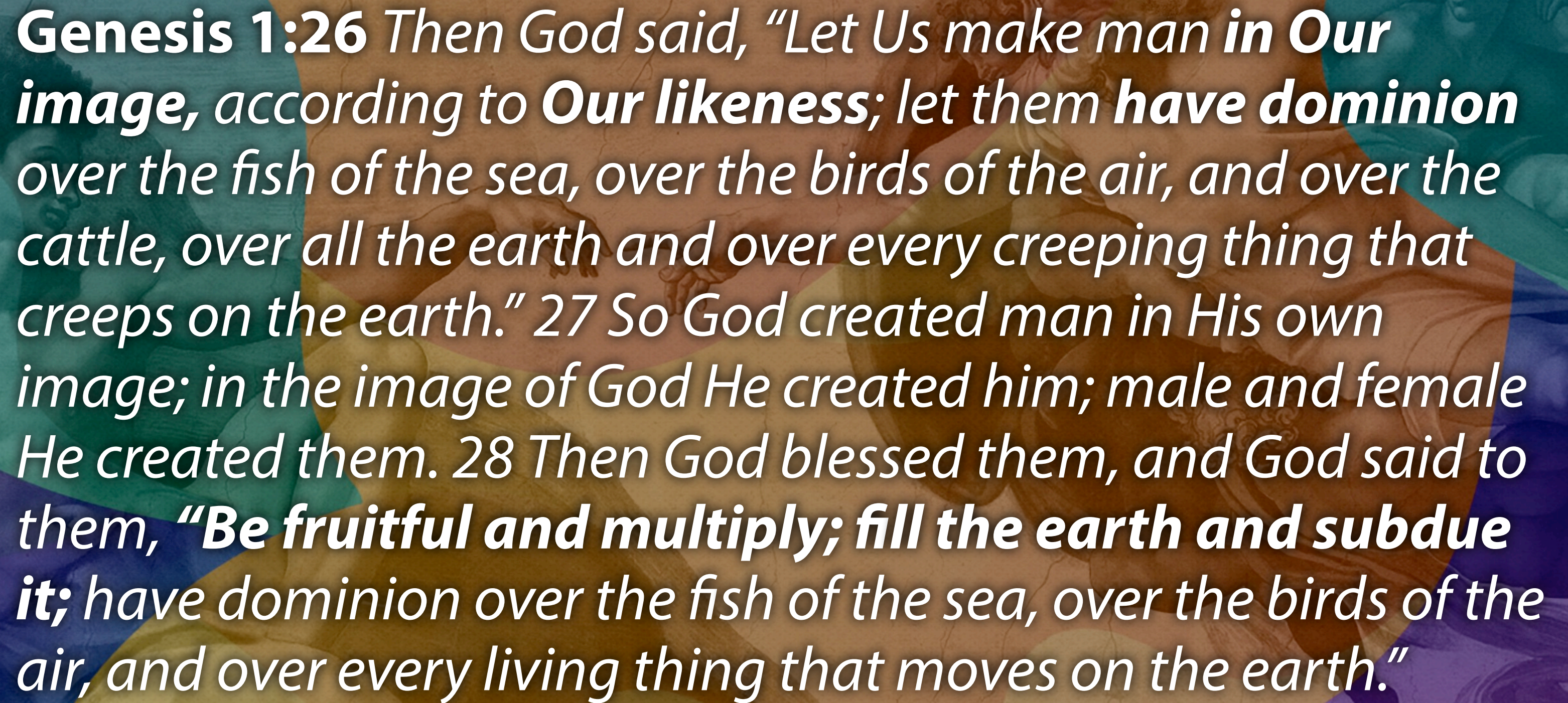
## KNOW WHO YOU ARE

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GENESIS 1:26





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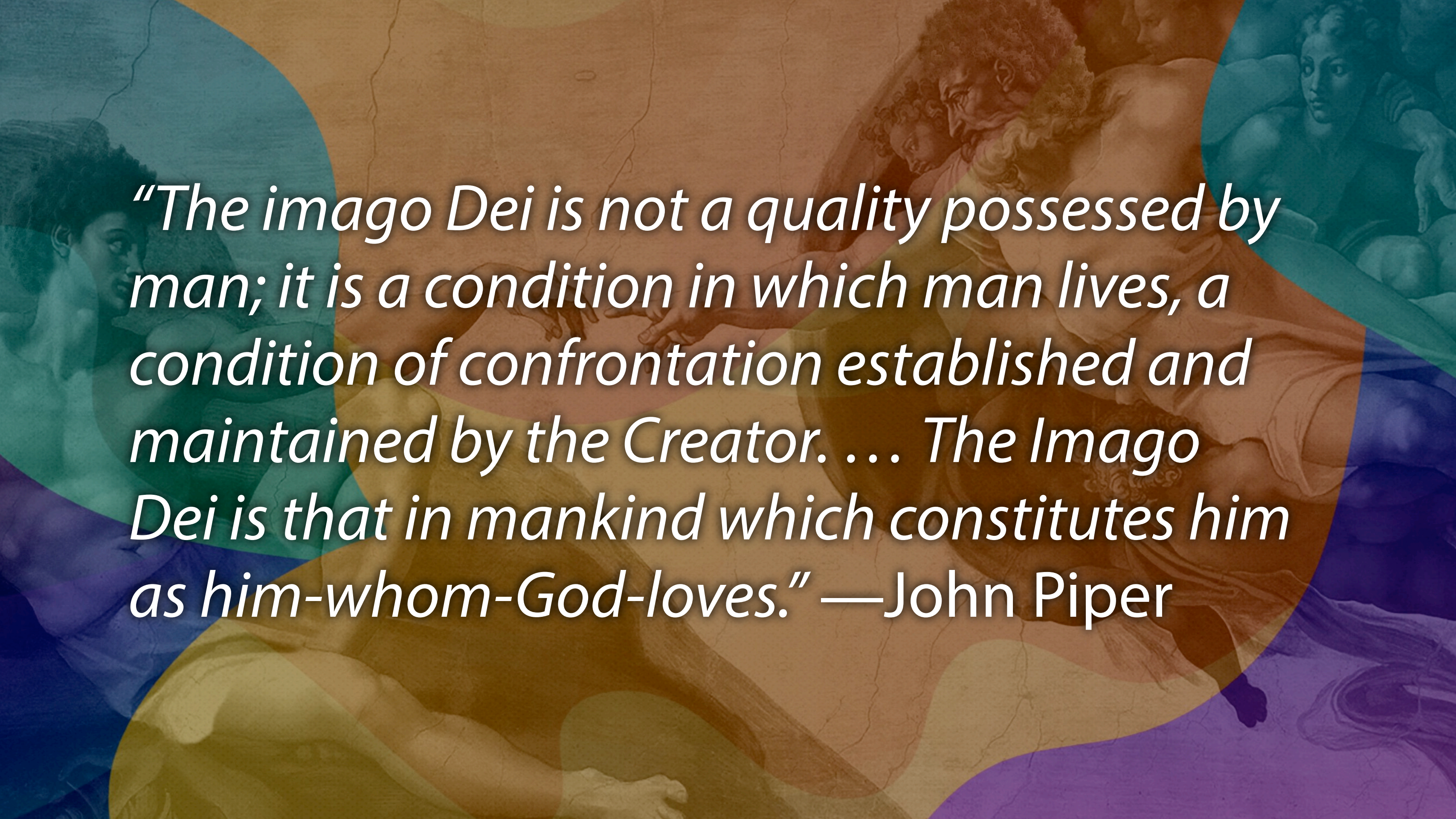


**What is the imago Dei?**

**Imago Dei is the Latin term for “*image of God.*”**

Knowing who you are is foundational to both a healthy self-image and a strong sense of purpose.





*“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 mankind which constitutes him as him-whom-God-loves.” —John Piper*





*“When I discover who I am, I’ll be free.”*

~ Ralph Ellison





**Imago Dei** was the outcome of being created by God.

No other creature (created thing) was made in the image of God, not even Angels.



# Image

Hebrew צֶלֶם - *selem* (Pronounced seh'-lem)

From an unused root meaning a  
representative figure or image

It is best understood as representing the  
character of something or someone.



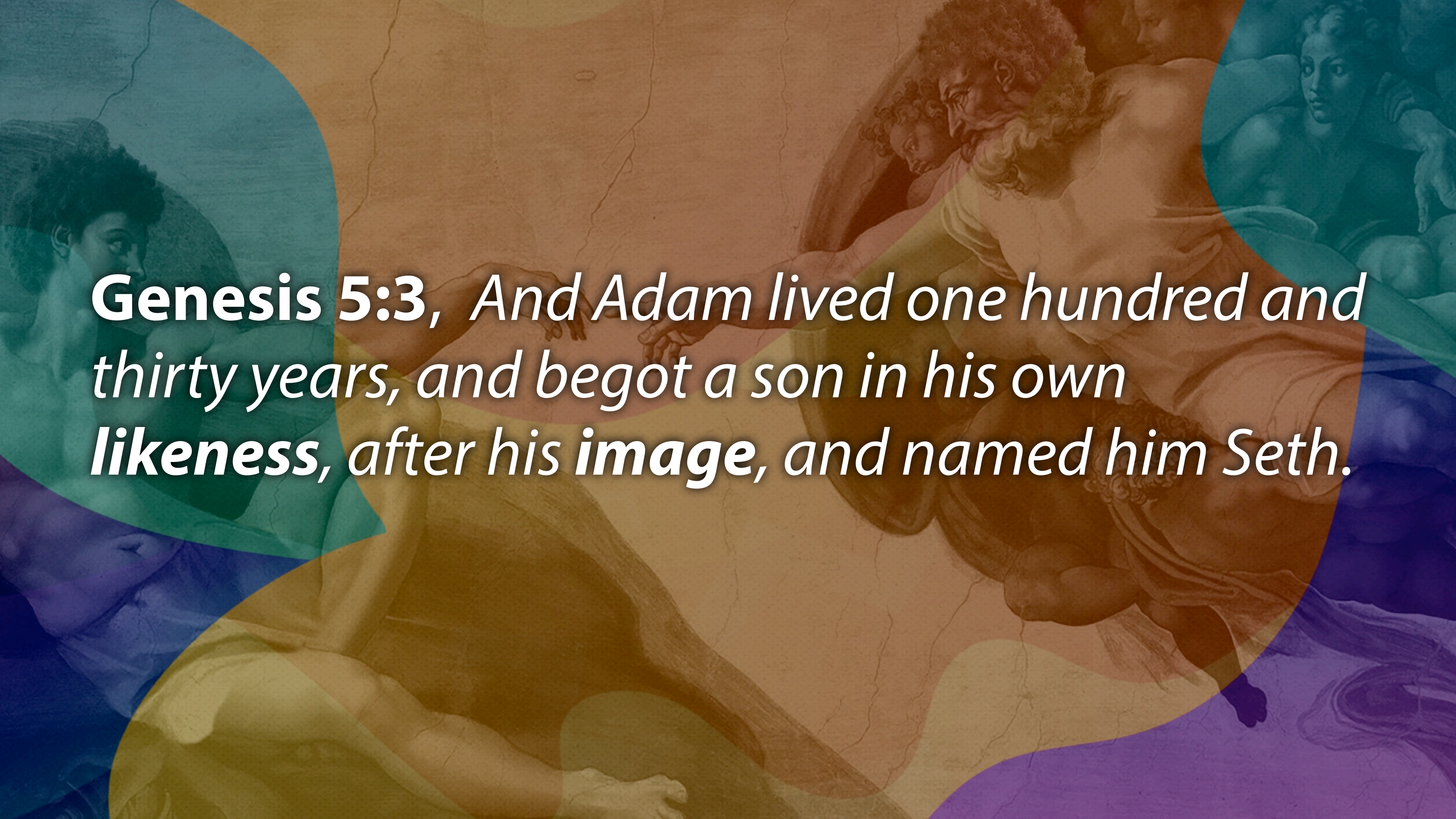
# Likeness

**Hebrew דְּמוּת - demûṭ** (pronounced, dem-ooth')

Stong's dictionary word (#H1819); means, resemblance; shape; like (-ness), manner, similitude.

This is best understood as representing the likeness or appearance of something or someone.





**Genesis 5:3, And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years, and begot a son in his own likeness, after his *image*, and named him Seth.**





Image vs. Likeness

Madame Tussauds

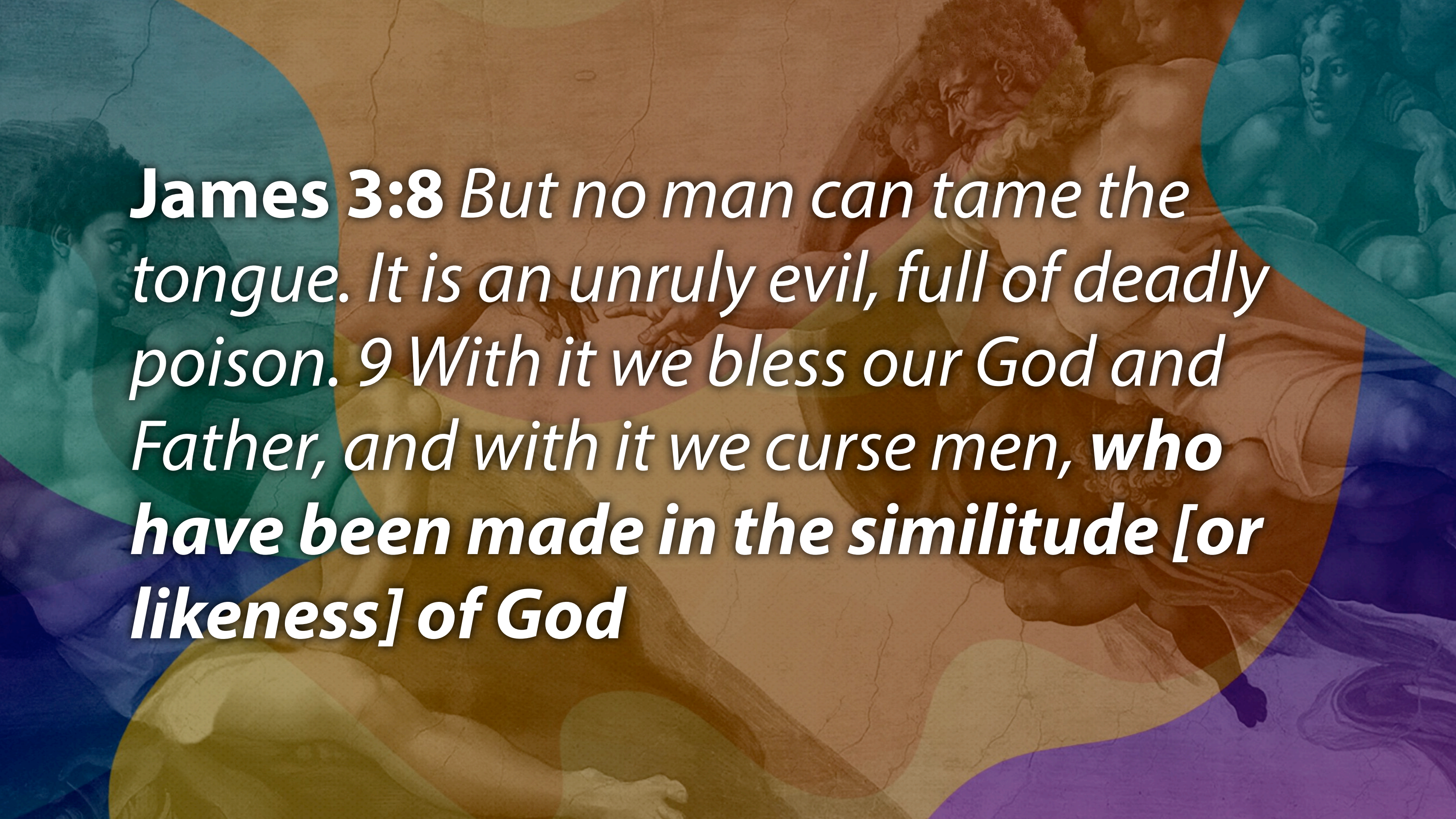




Is the image of God something  
that only belongs to Christians?

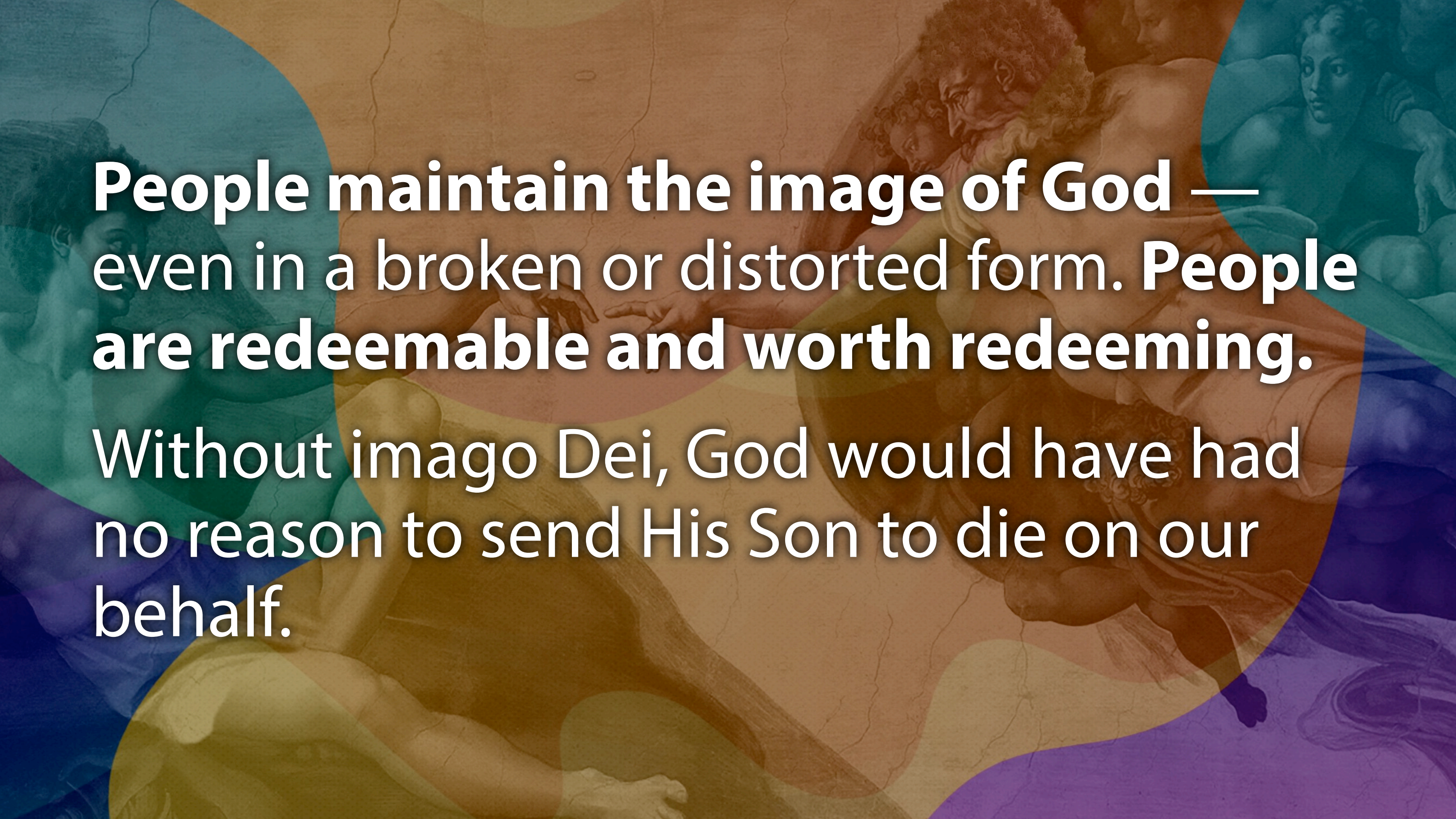
Did sin remove the image of God?





**James 3:8** *But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, **who have been made in the similitude [or likeness] of God***





**People maintain the image of God —  
even in a broken or distorted form. People  
are redeemable and worth redeeming.**

Without imago Dei, God would have had  
no reason to send His Son to die on our  
behalf.





# **Maximizing Imago Dei In Your life**



## Genesis 1:26

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**God's image** - Character

**God's likeness** - Outward witness

**Dominion** - Responsibility, tasks, duty, service

**Fruitful** - Utilizing abilities and gifts

**Multiply** - Reproduce yourself, empower others

**Subdue** - Create and maintain order



# Reflections

1. Describes ways in which you carry Imago Dei (the image of God)
2. Describes ways in which you represent God's likeness, His witness to the world around you