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BIBLE STUDY OUTLINE FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

OCTOBER THEME- CREATED IN GOD'S IMAGE

TEXT: GENESIS 1:26-31, EPHESIANS 2:10-11

Our theme for October is *Created in God's image* as we see in Genesis 1v26-27. Here we see the plan and purpose of God for humankind and how important and highly valued we are to Him. Why Did God create humankind to be like Him.

1, CREATED TO CARRY GOD'S VIRTUES AND ATTRIBUTES

Humankind being created in God's image means humankind being filled with God's divine attributes that have become his own virtues. We have certain capacities in us, which are positive and good, matching God's divine virtues. capacity to love, the desire to be in the light, the capacity to be right and holy like God. Our deepest need and desire is not for earthly things but those things that make Him God – God is love 1 John 4v8, God is good, Psalm 34v8, God is faithful, Deut 7v9, God is just, Deut 32v4, God is holy, Rev. 4v8, Matt. 5v8, 1 Peter 1v15-17, Leviticus 19v2, God is righteous 1John 4v8, God is glorious. Habakuk 3v4. Humankind created in God's image and likeness have God's imputed capability to be these.

2, CREATED TO BE GOD'S REPRESENTATIVES

a, *The image of God in humankind means that God made human beings, both male and female, to be representations (images of God) of God's own nature, that in relationship with him and each other, they might be his representatives in carrying out the responsibilities he has given to them. We are images of God in order to image God and his purposes in the ordering of our lives and carrying out of our God-given responsibilities.*

b. You are very dear and important to God, that's why He created you in His own image and after His likeness. Creation would not have been complete without the creation of man. Genesis 1v26-27,

3, CREATED TO LIVE, EXECUTE AND ENJOY GOD'S MANDATE

a, To be like Him. Ephesians 4v23-24, Colosians 3v10, 1 Corinthians 15v49, 2 Corinthians 3v18, (Psalm 82:6, John 10v34 – ye are gods). Matthew 5:48 Jesus was a true representation of the Father. Col. 1:15; Heb. 1:3; and 2 Cor. 4:4. Genesis 5v1, Genesis 9v6, God is a Spirit. John 4v34

b. To have dominion and rule with Him. Psalm 8v6-9

- c, **To be in fellowship with Him. In Eden, man's primary relationship was with God (Genesis 3:8 implies fellowship with God), and God made the first woman because it.**
- d, **To rule over all other things that He has created. Genesis 1:26-31**
- e, **To manage His affairs. Genesis 2:15, 1 Peter 5v2**
- f. **To enjoy His blessings. God blessed them. Gen. 1v22, 28. 31, Genesis 1v14-19, 1 Timothy 6v17**