

In the Image of God
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- 1) You _____ a lot like _____.
 - a) Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; ...” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him, male and female created he them. And God blessed them. Genesis 1:27-28
 - b) When Adam had lived a hundred and thirty years, he became the father of a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth. Genesis 5:3
 - c) Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for God made man in his own image. Genesis 9:6
- 2) People create _____ when they don't recognize _____ image.
 - a) You shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. Exodus 20: 4-6.
 - b) Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man or birds or animals or reptiles. ... They exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator. Romans 1: 25, 27
- 3) What have we _____ to _____ image!
 - a) Jesus accepted humanity when the race had been weakened by four thousand years of sin. We marvel at the Saviour's sacrifice in exchanging the throne of heaven for the manger, and the companionship of adoring angels for the beasts of the stall. Human pride and self-sufficiency stand rebuked in His presence. *Desire of Ages*, pp. 48-49.
- 4) Do people _____ that you _____ like God?
 - a) Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up in haste. He said to his counselors, “Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?” They answered the king, “True, O King.” He answered, “But I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like the Son of God.” Daniel 3:24, 25.
 - b) The Hebrew captives filling positions of trust in Babylon had in life and character represented before Nebuchadnezzar the truth. ... They had told of Christ, the Redeemer to come; and in the form of the fourth in the midst of the fire the king recognized the Son of God. *Prophets and Kings*, p. 509.