

Mirror, Mirror

Genesis 1:26

“Then God said, ‘let us make man in our image — in our likeness.’”

- Read Genesis 1:26. What does the word “image” mean to you?
- How does society place an emphasis on image and beauty?

Did you know that the word **IMAGE** means: *to mirror or reflect*. GOD says, “Let us make man in our image—in our likeness . . .” What do you think it means to be made in God’s image? There are many descriptions of God’s character in the Bible. Let’s take a look at some of them.

Psalm 145:8-10, 13

“The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

All your works praise you, Lord; your faithful people extol you...

The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.”

- What characteristics describe God in Psalm 145:8-10,13? I can find eight!

Do we reflect these characteristics? After all, we are made in His image! Close your eyes and imagine the person you love to be with the most.

- What character traits make this person beautiful?
- What makes you beautiful?

Is it the clothes you wear, your haircut, or the new shoes you bought? Or is it because you are compassionate, loving, and kind? Do you see the difference? The world puts great emphasis on outward appearance, but NOT GOD. God focuses on what makes you special on the inside, NOT on what you look like on the outside. Read 1 Samuel 16:7.

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“...The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

Think about this verse. You were made in the **IMAGE** of God. God is Powerful, Loving, All-Knowing, and Perfect. Sometimes we can think God made a mistake when He created us . . . especially when we have “bad days.” NO WAY! The same God who formed the mountains, moon, sun, hippo, and bumblebee made you, too. HE LOVES YOU because you are **UNIQUE, SPECIAL, WONDERFUL**, and created in His **IMAGE**. Let’s take time to reflect on HIM today!

Reflect This Week:

- Select one of the character traits in Psalm 145 that you want to develop in your life. Ask God to help you make it a reality through daily choices and actions.