

OUR STORY



HIS GLORY

A photograph of an ornate, dark wood door with intricate carvings and a sign that reads "A DAY OF". The door is set in a stone wall. To the right of the door is a green, patterned curtain. In the foreground, there is a large, dark, rectangular object, possibly a book or a tablet, with the text "Genesis 1:26" written on it. The overall scene is dimly lit, with a warm, golden light source from the right.

**His  
image**

**26 Then God  
said, "Let Us  
make man in  
Our image,  
according to  
Our likeness;**

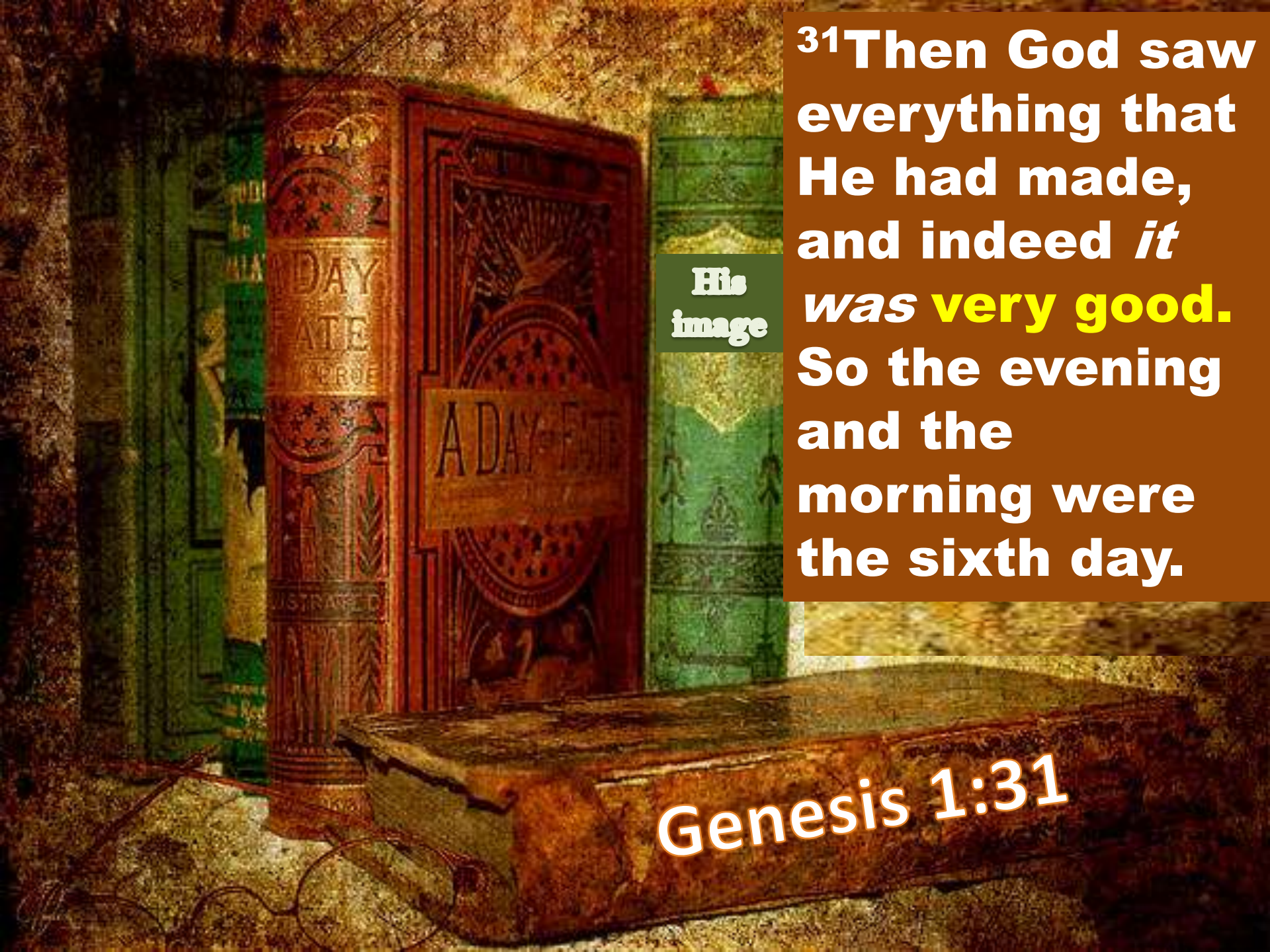
**Genesis 1:26**



**His  
image**

**So God  
created man  
in His *own*  
image; in the  
image of God  
He created  
him; male and  
female He  
created them.**

**Genesis 1:27**



His  
image

**31** Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed *it was very good*. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

**Genesis 1:31**



**Isaiah 43:7 (NKJV)**

Everyone who is called by  
My name, Whom I have  
created for My glory; I have  
formed him, yes, I have  
made him."



**Isaiah 42:8** (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup>I *am* the Lord, that *is* My name; And My glory I will not give to another, Nor My praise to carved images.



## Genesis 1:26 (NKJV)

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have **dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

# CAPACITY FOR AUTHORITY







## Genesis 1:28 (NKJV)

<sup>28</sup> Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."



## Psalm 8

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, our Lord, How excellent *is* Your name  
in all the earth... <sup>3</sup> When I consider Your  
heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon  
and the stars, which You have ordained,  
<sup>4</sup> What is man that You are mindful of him,  
And the son of man that You visit him?



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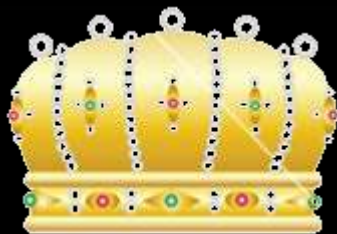
<sup>5</sup> For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. <sup>6</sup> **You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all *things* under his feet,** <sup>7</sup> All sheep and oxen-- Even the beasts of the field,

A dramatic sunset or sunrise over a dark horizon with a layer of clouds. The sky is filled with warm orange and yellow light, and the clouds are illuminated from below, creating a glowing effect. The horizon is dark and silhouetted against the bright sky.

## Psalm 8

<sup>8</sup> The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea  
That pass through the paths of the seas.

<sup>9</sup> O Lord, our Lord, How excellent *is* Your name  
in all the earth!





## Hebrews 2:6-8 (NKJV)

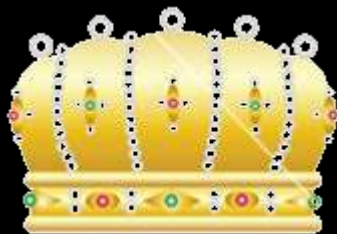
<sup>6</sup> ... "What is man that You are mindful of him, Or the son of man that You take care of him? <sup>7</sup> You have made him a little lower than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor, And set him over the works of Your hands. <sup>8</sup> You have put all things in subjection under his feet." For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing *that is* not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him.



**Hebrews 2:8** (NKJV)

***<sup>8</sup> You have put all things in subjection under his feet."***

**For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing *that is* not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him.**





Being created in God's image meant that humanity was "given" this **capacity** to choose, to **cooperate** with God, to exercise God given **authority**, to **rule** in His stead, to exercise the free will He gave us.





## Hebrews 12:15-16 (NKJV)

**<sup>15</sup> looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;**  
**<sup>16</sup> lest there *be* any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright.**





## Hebrews 12:14 (NKJV)

**<sup>14</sup> Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.**



**Genesis 2:8 (NKJV)**

**<sup>8</sup> The Lord God **planted** a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.**



His  
image

**<sup>9</sup>For we are  
labourers  
together with  
God:**

**1 Corinthians 3:9<sup>a</sup>**



## Genesis 2:15-17

<sup>15</sup> And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: <sup>17</sup> But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.



## Genesis 2:9

<sup>9</sup> And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.



Right from the beginning God places  
***confidence*** or ***trust*** in Adam and expects  
trust in return



God entrusted Adam with the ***responsibility*** to care for the garden, He gave Adam the capacity to care for it, and He relied upon Adam to exercise the ***discipline*** necessary to do so.



To exercise responsibility **discipline** must be exhibited. This message is a call to discipline!



**Self-Discipline brings blessings in this life  
and rewards in the life to come!**



God demonstrates respect for Adam's ability and requires *respect* from Adam.



# THE IMAGE OF GOD





**John 16:33 (NKJV)**

**<sup>33</sup> These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer;**

**I have overcome the world.**



## John 1:1-14

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

<sup>2</sup> The same was in the beginning with God.

<sup>3</sup> All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

<sup>4</sup> In him was life; and the life was the light of men.



The background of the slide is a photograph of a sunset or sunrise. The sky is a deep, vibrant orange and yellow, with a layer of dark, horizontal clouds that catch the light from the sun, creating a shimmering effect. Below the clouds, the horizon is a dark, silhouetted line, suggesting a landscape of hills or mountains. The overall mood is one of awe and divine light breaking through darkness.

## John 1:5

<sup>5</sup> And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.



## John 1:9-12

<sup>9</sup> the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. <sup>11</sup> He came unto his own, and his own received him not. <sup>12</sup> But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name:



## John 1:1-14

<sup>13</sup> Who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.



## Matthew 18:18-20

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All **authority** is given unto me in heaven and in earth. <sup>19</sup> Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: <sup>20</sup> Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

All of these attributes **Authority,**  
**Cooperation, Trust, Respect** and **Discipline,**  
reflect the image of God within us.

