



APRIL 17-23, 2026 [WEEK 16]  
FRIDAY, APRIL 17 [DAY 76]



## Marriage

### READ: Genesis 2:18-25

*The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." <sup>19</sup> Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup> So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. <sup>21</sup> So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. <sup>22</sup> Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib<sup>x</sup> he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.*

*<sup>23</sup> The man said, "This is now bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
she shall be called 'woman,'  
for she was taken out of man."*

*<sup>24</sup> That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. <sup>25</sup> Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.*

**THINK ABOUT IT:** Why create the man first and then take a rib to create woman?

**READ: DD- 76**

### READ: Ephesians 5:21-28

<sup>21</sup> Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

<sup>22</sup> Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. <sup>24</sup> Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her <sup>26</sup> to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, <sup>27</sup> and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. <sup>28</sup> In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

**Think Deeper:** Who has the harder job?



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MONDAY, APRIL 20 [DAY 77]



## Transgenderism

### READ: Genesis 1:27

*So God created mankind in his own image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.*

### READ Deuteronomy 22:5

*<sup>5</sup> A woman must not wear men's clothing, nor a man wear women's clothing, for the LORD your God detests anyone who does this.*

**THINK ABOUT IT:** What does transgenderism say about God's created order?

**READ: DD- 77**

### READ: Romans 1:26-27

*<sup>26</sup> Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. <sup>27</sup> In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.*

**Think Deeper:** What do you think it means that, "God gave them over to shameful lusts..."



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TUESDAY, APRIL 21 [DAY 77]



## **Image of God**

### **READ: Genesis 1:26-27**

*<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."*

*<sup>27</sup> So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.*

**THINK ABOUT IT:** What does it mean to be created in God's image?

**READ: DD- 78**

### **READ: Genesis 5:1**

*This is the written account of Adam's family line. When God created mankind, he made them in the likeness of God. <sup>2</sup> He created them male and female and blessed them. And he named them "Mankind" when they were created.*

**Think Deeper:** What does "likeness of God," mean?



**DAILY  
DOCTRINE**

APRIL 17-23, 2026 [WEEK 16]  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22 [DAY 79]



## **What Does It Mean to Be Made in the Image of God?**

### **READ: 2 Corinthians 3:17-18**

*<sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.*

**THINK ABOUT IT:** How are we being transformed into Christ's image?

**READ: DD- 79**

### **READ: 1 John 3:2**

*<sup>2</sup> Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.*

**Think Deeper:** How can we serve as God's representatives in this world?



**DAILY  
DOCTRINE**

APRIL 17-23, 2026 [WEEK 16]  
THURSDAY, APRIL 23 [DAY 80]



## **What Are the Implications of Being Made in the Image of God?**

### **READ: Psalm 8:4-8**

*<sup>4</sup> what is mankind that you are mindful of them,  
human beings that you care for them?"*

*<sup>5</sup> You have made them a little lower than the angels'  
and crowned them with glory and honor.*

*<sup>6</sup> You made them rulers over the works of your hands;  
you put everything under their feet:*

*<sup>7</sup> all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild,*

*<sup>8</sup> the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of  
the seas.*

**THINK ABOUT IT:** What does it mean that we are rules over the works of God's hands?

### **READ: DD- 80**

### **READ: Genesis 1:28**

*<sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."*

**Think Deeper:** What does it mean for us to subdue the earth and Rule over creation? How can we do this in ways that honor God?