

Crosspointe Plus: Now Streaming God's Hope

Bible Theme: To give children hope in a troubled world through the hope of God, His Son, and His Word.

Verse: Psalm 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.

Creation of Man.

We want to give you hope through whatever trouble you may be going through or that you may go through sometime in your life. That Hope can only be obtained through God, His Son, and His Word, the Bible.

Psalm 46:1 (NKJV)

¹ God *is* our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.

Psalm 46:1 (ICB)

¹ God is our protection and our strength. He always helps in times of trouble.

Hope – is not a wish like the world wishes for something to happen. Rather it is an expected promise by God that we know will be fulfilled. We know it will happen. The Hope is the inner knowledge from God's Word that we know that God is in control, and He is working things out for His purpose.

When God created the Heavens and the Earth and filled the Heavens and Earth each day after that. And then He created Man and Woman on Day 6.

Genesis 1:1 (NKJV)

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:26 (NKJV)

²⁶ 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."

Genesis 1:27 (NKJV)

²⁷ So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

God created Humans.

Genesis 1:31 (NKJV)

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.

In the Image of God

What is an image?

The images are not the same as the original but rather just a representation of the original.

We are in the image of God in that we are people. We are not God.

God made us physical. God is not a physical being. We are.

Genesis 2:7 (NKJV)

⁷ And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

God used the elements of the earth to make us physical. Humans and animals are made from the chemicals of the earth. 96.2% of the human body is made up of Oxygen, Carbon, Hydrogen, Nitrogen. Other elements include calcium, phosphorous, potassium, even metals like iron make up the human body. This is the "dust of the ground" that the Bible is referring to.

Now once again, God is not physical. God is not made up of these chemicals. He is beyond the physical creation. *He created the matter.*

So, the first thing is that we are created with a physical body, blood, bones, and flesh. Now this is not referring to how God created us in the image of God because God is not physical. He does not have a body. Now that is hard for us to understand because we cannot think of a being without a body. But God is "spiritual". We'll talk about that later.

So how are we created in the "image of God"?

God created us with a "Soul".

The word soul refers to the entire being of a person. It is who you are. Whatever your name is, it refers to you. It's your whole being. I think it includes your bodily part because that is you, but it also refers to another state of you that is the part that is in the "image of God".

Remember the 10 Commandments. The second commandment states that you are not to have any images before God.

Exodus 20:4 (NKJV)

⁴ "You shall not make for yourself a carved 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;

Exodus 20:4 (KJV)

⁴ Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image,...

God had already made something that is in His image. You. Again, we are not God we are only an image of God. The Soul part of us contains that image of God.

We have a mind, will and emotions. We have intellect, we make choices, and we have feelings.

Mind, Will, and Emotions – We are made with 3 characteristics the same as God because we are in His image.

Mind/intelligence -

We are able to think. You have intelligence. You are able to analyze and figure things out.

Will/decisions/choices -

We are able to make decisions and choices. You make decisions every day, every hour, every minute sometimes.

Emotions/feelings -

We have emotions or feelings. Emotions can be from being happy to sad, content to angry, fearful to safe. Our emotions can change rapidly, and it can be affected by so much. You have probably had so many different emotions just today.

Emotions

God created us with emotions.

So, emotions are as much part of you as your thinking and choices you make. Sometimes your emotions do not reveal to you the truth of a situation. (Act this story out as you tell it.) If you were being chased by a bear in the woods, you would be fearful with high anxiety. You find a stoned cabin with a secure door in the woods and can get in safely. You are completely safe. Your mind knows you are completely safe, but your emotions are still full of fear and anxiety. That emotion of fear and anxiety was perfect for you to stay safe to run away. But now your knowledge needs to take the lead and say I am completely safe.

Your emotions at times reveal to you a truth, but other times you need to trust what you know as the truth to override that emotion.

When you feel rejected, grieved, broken, depressed, and even happy with foolish things. Those feelings are real, but there is time when you need to rely on your mind for what you know is real, God, Jesus, and God's Word.

Moral Sense

God also created us with a moral sense: a sense of right and wrong. God is perfectly moral. He always does the righteous thing. We have a sense of know right from wrong. God gave the 10 Commandments so that we know when we do wrong.

Galatians 3:24 (NKJV)

²⁴ Therefore the law was our tutor *to bring us* to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

But even before the 10 commandments we know difference between what is right and what is wrong.

Romans 2:14-15 (NKJV)

¹⁴ for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves,
¹⁵ who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves *their* thoughts accusing or else excusing *them*)

Relational

God as created us be relational. You want to be with other people. You don't want to be alone. As in the image of our Triune God who has never been alone, we were created to have relationships. We have families, we have friends, we have communities, we have churches. When God created Adam in the very beginning of time.

Genesis 2:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ And the LORD God said, "*It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.*"

God knew that Adam would be lonely without a companion.

Genesis 2:20-24 (NKJV)

²⁰ So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.

²¹ And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.

²² Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

²³ And Adam said: "This *is* now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man."

²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

God created a woman from Adam's side to show that Adam is to be equal to her. Not from his head or foot to show that he would rule over her, but from his side. God instituted the first marriage with a man and woman. And the first family was started. They had children to make a family.

God also wants us to have a relationship not only with other people but to have a relationship with Him. God created us to have fellowship, friendship with Him.

Ephesians 1:5 (NLT2)

⁵ God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.

Sin – broke the fellowship

Genesis 2:16-17 (NKJV)

¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;

¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Genesis 3:6 (NKJV)

⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

Romans 5:12 (NKJV)

¹² Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—

Romans 5:8 (NKJV)

⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Isaiah 53:6 (NKJV)

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Purpose – Created with Purpose from your mother's womb.

You were Created in your mother's womb. You are not a mistake. You don't have to look a certain way or be in a certain group to be accepted by God. You are special.

Your "value does not belong to what [you] will do or what [you] have done. [You] are valuable because of who God is and what he has done."¹

You were created to glorify God. That is your purpose.

¹ Sherrard, Michael, *Why You Matter: How Your Quest for Meaning is Meaningless without God*. Baker Books Publishing Group, Grand Rapids. 2021. Pg. 67.

Ephesians 1:12 (NKJV)

¹² that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

1 Corinthians 10:31 (NKJV)

³¹ Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Colossians 3:23 (NKJV)

²³ And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,

You were not an accident. God had planned your birth and life before the foundation of the earth. Others may say that you were a mistake, but the Bible says you were planned by God. The Creator of the Universe planned you. Your purpose is to glorify Him as He planned your days.

Ephesians 1:4 (NKJV)

⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,

Psalms 139:13 (NLT2)

¹³ You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb.

Psalms 139:16 (NLT2)

¹⁶ You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.

Spiritual Being

Created as a spiritual being. Through your spirit you are able to come to a saving God. God not only created with a body that is physical. As soul who is your person, personality, mind, will, and emotion, but He also created you with a spirit. The sin that we talked about earlier caused our spirit to be separated from God. The spirit of the person is the part of you that is to be connected to God, to have a relationship with God.

John 4:24 (NKJV)

²⁴ God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

If the spirit of a person is separated, or dead, how can we worship God with our spirit. The spirit has to be made alive.

Ephesians 2:1 (NKJV)

¹ And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins,

Ephesians 2:5 (NKJV)

⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

When we accept Jesus Christ as our Savior, our spirit that was dead from sin is made alive. The Bible calls it being Born Again. We are born into the family of God.