

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139: 14a

October Focus: Created in God's Image

From "Made In God's Image" for the Today devotional by Arthur Schoonveld

Sometime today take a few moments to look at yourself in a mirror.

When you do, don't look for wrinkles or gray hairs or for things you don't like about yourself. Try to ignore whatever blemishes you see, and, while looking at yourself, say out loud, "I am made in God's image."

We were made to look like God—not physically, but with the ability to love, to choose, and to communicate. Psalm 8:5 tells us we were made "a little lower than the angels and crowned ... with glory and honor." Psalm 139:14 adds that we are "fearfully and wonderfully made" by God himself.

Perhaps it's difficult for some of us to believe we are special. Maybe other people have made you feel that you are insignificant and worth very little. Maybe you are in a stage of life in which you feel useless. Perhaps you are confined to your bed, unable to do the things you want to do. If so, you need to know that you are special no matter what—because you bear God's image.

Because we are made in God's image, he cares about each one of us. <u>Isaiah 49:16</u> says that we are engraved on the palms of God's hands. He wants to use each one of us in his goal of renewing his creation.

Are you looking for some more devotionals to read with your family that emphasize that we were made in the image of God? Here is one for each week in October:

Stamped with God's Image by Max Lucado
Created in the Image of God by AW Tozer
God's Masterpiece by Cathy Irvin
Be Who God Created You to Be by Shauna
Niequist

What does it Mean to Be Made in God's Image by John Piper

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We welcome you to join us for our Thanksgiving chapel on Friday, October 11 at 11 am

