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THE IMAGE OF GOD

Genesis tells us that we are created in the ***"image of God."*** (Genesis 1:27) The word image is indicative of being a "shadow", not the real thing, but the shadow of the real. The word God here is Elohim, which is a plural word. It indicates the three parts of the Godhead, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Many would like to know what God looks like. Jesus told his disciples in John 14b, ***"...he that hath seen me hath seen the Father..."*** This does not mean that Jesus "is" the Father, it means that they look alike. The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit all look the same.

Man is made in the image (shadow) of God. Our soul represents the Father in us. Our body represents the Son in us. Our spirit is representative of the Holy Spirit in us. We are three parts, yet "one" complete person, just like the Godhead is three parts, but three distinctive persons making up "one God".

Because of mankind's sin, our spirit could not communicate spiritually with God. It would be like being in the dark with "no shadow." Jesus took on human flesh so he could live as a man and die as a man. His death paid for the sin of mankind and brings us reconciliation back to our spirit. When we receive Jesus as payment for our sin, our spirits are "born again" and take on the shadow of the Holy Spirit. We are now in the light and abide under the shadow of God to guide and protect us.

Psalm 91 tells us in verse 1, ***"He that dwelleth (makes it his habitation) in the secret place of the Most High (Elohim) shall abide under the shadow (there it is, the shadow which represents the image of God) of the Almighty (all powerful God)."***

By dwelling in that shadow, we take on the image of God, and become one with him. How awesome to know that the all-powerful God, Jehovah, Elohim, El Shaddai, of the universe brings us that close to him in spirit, soul, and body.

This is why God commanded that no one make graven "images" of false Gods and worship them. He did not want us to take on their "shadow" of darkness. They bring no light to us, only darkness, and will ultimately destroy those who worship them.

There is no place greater than being in that shadow of the Almighty.