

# SIMILIE: Created in Likeness

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SIMILE: a phrase that uses the words like or as to describe someone or something by comparing it with someone or something else that is similar. Today we start a short series on Simile, we will look the next couple of weeks at some things that are likened to something else, in order to assist our minds to getting it! This short series will lead us up to Easter, and then I will launch a new short series titled Empty. While it will be a short series consisting of only 5 sermons. We will of course Easter discuss the Empty Cross, and then follow with Empty Marriages, Empty Parenting, Empty Teaching and Empty "Y"? I pray you will invite other to come out and worship with us and hear these messages.

Genesis 1:25-27 (NIV)

25 God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

26 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."

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

I don't about you but growing up that simile; you're like your dad for me wasn't such a good thing. You look like, you talk like, and you walk like your Dad. And at that point all I had ever heard from the women, who gave birth to me in collaboration with him, was how much she, my grandmother and others despised him. So I found myself at a very young age developing a deep hatred for my bio father. Until I met him, and then with the invitation to follow him, for he was following Christ, then I really became like him in a much more significant way. And also my mom and I allowed God to heal inner wounds in us, later after she came around to following Christ as well.

My Bio-Dad intro me to my Heavenly Daddy! Genesis is one of the most important books ever written. This is where God reveals his will for man and a self-disclosure by God giving us information we could not gain from any other source. It gives an explanation on how the humanity was brought into existence by the personal activity of God who created the universe. Gen. shows that the first man and woman were the objects of His love and special attention. They were created "in His image" (Genesis 1:26-27), and took special walks and talked with him in the garden (Genesis 2:15-17; 3:8) "He walks with me and talks with me and tells me I am his own, and the joy we share." They were created with the characteristics of mind, emotions, personality, and will. They were made creative, imaginative, inventive, artistic, capable of loving and being loved--and above all, able to lead.

We need to get to know our Dad, so you might see the resemblances. I. How are you

like God?1 John 3:1 “Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!” (he’s your Daddy)!

Romans 8:16-17 “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs- heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.”II. You Look Like Your DaddyEach of us receives traits-in the form of genes- from our parents. We get genetic material from both of our parents-that’s why you look like both your mommy and your Daddy. Genesis 1:26 “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness;...’”When man was created, God breathed into him and he came to life! Shortly after coming to know my Bio-dad I saw some old home movies at an uncles home and there was my dad at about the age I was while watching and my cousin said hey there’s Tim, these movies were very old, taken before I was born.

Not only do you look like your Daddy, but you should walk like your Daddy, too. III. You Walk Like Your Daddy Emily would walk behind meEphesians 5:1 “Therefore be imitators of God as dear Children.”1 Peter 1:15,16 “But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, ‘Be holy, for I am holy.’” Because I am holy, you should be holy. Because I am loving, you should love. Because I am merciful, you should show mercy. Becky and I recently watched a true story of over 100K kids who many were taken from their families or orphaned in England and sent to Australia. Decades later there was an effort to find and unite these families. What environment could never answer for these children DNA explained much more! For the first time many knew some of the “Why’s” in their lives. When we walk like Daddy we know who we are. Not only do you look like your Dad and walk like your Dad, but you should make every effort to talk like your Dad.IV. You Talk Like Your Daddy-my son is told quite often.

In Matthew 5: 37 All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one. The scriptures teach us to be men and women of our word! That image is distorted for we know that God is not a man that he should LIE! God keeps his word-YES, yes or NO, no! Men lie! God always keeps him promises. Not only do you look like your Dad and walk like your Dad, and talk like your Dad, but you should think like your Daddy, too.

V. You Think Like Your Daddy” Let this mind be in you” Philp 2:5Work to have God-Thoughts and God-Ideas every day.Proverbs 23:7 “For as a man thinks in his heart, so is he.” You’ve heard it said, “You are what you eat.” Not really but the bible highlights you what you think. Mat West Regret- child of on true KingSo, if you think of yourself like your Daddy thinks of you, then you will become what you think you are. What does God think of me?! He thinks you are loved. He thinks you are blessed with every spiritual blessing. He thinks all your needs are supplied. He thinks you are redeemed from the curse of the law. He thinks you are more than a conqueror. He thinks you are righteous. He thinks of you like He thinks of Jesus, If you are In Christ. You must think (know) he will not put more on you than you are able to bear, therefore think “I am able”! How do we know what God thinks? He says what He thinks. I am loved. - John 3:16 after this sacrifice God wouldn’t change his mind

Not only do you look like your Daddy, walk like your Daddy, talk like your Dad, and

think like your Dad, but you ARE like your Daddy.VI. You Have Your Daddy's Nature<sup>2</sup> Peter 1:4 "By which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."Ephesians 2:10 "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."When a child imitates his Daddy, He tries to be like Him in every way. In what he does, in what he says, and in what he thinks. You were created in his image. Looks like, walks like talks like & thinks like Him. Put on His nature, and do what you could not do without Him.

The Likeness of God, tells us that all human, regardless of whether you like them or not and whether they like you or not, were all are created by God with his image stamped on. Men or women all human beings are created in the "likeness" of God and, therefore, uniquely in creation.

God said in counsel with himself, 'Let us make man in our image'. A second remark in verses 26 "' let them rule....'" The dominion God gives humans, mentioned in these verses, is important. Everything else that exists should be under the care of mankind. God created man so that He might have a unique relationship with his Creator and to one another. We were made in "his likeness" that we might be capable of Ruler-ship and relationship. The nations, of this world are suffering from an astonishing leadership vacuum. Bible says "God wants you to promote justice, to be faithful, and to live obediently before your God. "(Micah 6:8) He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

We were created in the image of God, but we have been away so long that we have no recollection of that image. So in the fullness of time, when everything had gotten so distorted to the point we could not even bring to focus that image God sent His son in the form of a man.

Hebrews 1:3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. Created in the likeness of God is telling us to value one another and to believe we are who God tells us we are, not what the liar the devil propagates.

Paul admonishes us in Rom. to put on Jesus, putting off the old man repentance, putting on the new, the cleansing, and renewing-being saved.