



SESSION TWO – Look at God the Designer and Builder

Genesis 1:26 (ESV) – ²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

- **What does it mean to be created in the image of God?**

Answer: Mr. Hatch says, “How many of you believe God is a person? Do you think He thinks? That’s the reason you think. Do you think He talks? That’s the reason you talk. Do you think He communicates? That’s the reason you communicate. Do you think He feels? Yes, that’s the reason you feel. Do you think He makes choices? Yes, that’s the reason you do. Do you know what I’m saying? I’m saying (and I hesitate to say it in this way) everything that God does, the kinds of things He does, He says, “I want to make a human being to do the same kinds of things that I do and He will be patterned after me.”

- **What does it mean to be in the image of God?**

Answer: Psalm 8:5-6 (ESV) – ⁵ Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. ⁶ You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet. ... *We are just a little below God!*

- **Is God a person?**

Answer: No! That is heresy. Look at **Genesis 1:26**, “Let us...” God is three persons.

Mr. Hatch says, “This is the way the theologians say it. Same in substance, equal in power and glory.” What does this mean? It means there are male bodies and there are female bodies but at the soul level men and women are equal in power and glory.

- **So, Is God three persons?**

Answer: No! That is heresy. **Deuteronomy 6:4 (ESV)** – ⁴ Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.” Mr. Hatch says, “In an absolute way the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit are so intimately related one with another they are one God.”

Mr. Hatch goes on to say, “Yes, this joining of persons (equal in power and glory) into an intimacy that can only be described as “one” is built into every human. We will never be satisfied with less than God’s design for us. See God’s heart in the prayer of Jesus. I know the context here is the church. But what is the church? It is families. If oneness is not true at the family level it can never be true at the church level.”

John 17:11 (ESV) – ¹¹ And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

John 17:20-21 (ESV) – ²⁰ I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.