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Respect

“So God created man in his own image; he created him in the image of God; he created them male and female.” (Christian Standard Bible, Genesis 1:27)

What does it mean to be made in God’s image? It goes deeper than just being molded through God’s will. Shows that we were made by God for a holy purpose, we are not just matter wandering in the bottomless pit of outer space. Our nature goes further than the one of animals, if anything we are exceptional, chosen from this world.

“For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” (Christian Standard Bible, John 3:16)

God’s sacrifice shows the greatest depiction of love and respect, the story of a king who to make a way for their servants into his kingdom, decides to take the price for their crimes and sacrifice himself for their kind.

“He was despised and rejected by men, a man of suffering who knew what sickness was. He was like someone people turned away from; he was despised, and we didn’t value him.

Yet he himself bore our sicknesses, and he carried our pains; but we in turn regarded him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced because of our rebellion, crushed because of our iniquities; punishment for our peace was on him, and we are healed by his wounds.” ( Christian Standard Bible, Isaiah 53:3-5)

“He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth. Like a lamb led to the slaughter and like a sheep silent before her shearers, he did not open his mouth.” (Christian Standard Bible, Isaiah 53:7)

Even in this very moment of fear and where any other man would have cursed, insulted, and despised his captives and executioners. God gives us the perfect example of respect, love, and forgiveness. This message of forgiving your imperfect brothers is very present during Jesus’s ministry on earth.

“And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.” (Christian Standard Bible, Matthew 6:9-13)

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