

5—In the Image of God

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INTRO:

I. → **Genesis 1:26-27**

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.

II. Monomorphic vs. Dimorphic

Average Males	Average Females
XY Chromosomes	XX Chromosomes
Larger skeletons	Wider hips
Thicker skin	Smoother skin
1/3 stronger (muscle mass)	Less body hair
Higher pain tolerance	More sensitive touch, smell
More testosterone	More estrogen
Higher blood pressure	Higher heart beat
More red cells	More white cells
Greater lung capacity	Greater life expectancy
More grey matter	More white matter
Spatial processing (navigation)	Spatial memory (landmarks)
Sensory motor skills	Attention tasks
Singular tasks	Multitasking (consensus)
Left hemisphere	Right and Left (more verbal)
Interhemisphere connectivity	Intrahemisphere connectivity
Higher serotonin	Social cognition

BODY:

I. Championing Mothers

A. God is not only merciful but He defends us as well.

1) **Isaiah 42:13-14**

*The Lord will march out **like a champion**,
like a warrior he will stir up his zeal;
with a shout he will raise the battle cry
and will triumph over his enemies.
“For a long time I have kept silent,
I have been quiet and held myself back.
But now, **like a woman** in childbirth,
I cry out, I gasp and pant.”*

2) (KJV) “I will destroy and devour at once.”

nasham—blow out, sha’aph—suck in

3) **MOM DEFENDING SON—HE CANNOT LIE**

B. There is no greater advocate than a concerned mother.

1) **THE IMPORTUNATE WIDOW**

2) **Luke 18:4**

*“For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself,
‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, yet
because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she
gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack
me!’”*

3) **MOLLY ADVOCATING FOR THE KIDS**

II. Comforting Mothers

A. There is nothing more comforting than a mother’s love.

1) **Isaiah 66:12-13**

*“I will extend peace to her like a river,
and the wealth of nations like a flooding stream;
you will nurse and be carried on her arm
and dandled on her knees.
13 **As a mother** comforts her child,*

so will I comfort you.”

2) **MATERNAL BONDING—OXYTOCIN**

B. Even mothers need comfort and support for what they do.

1) **1 Corinthians 12:25**

*So that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal **concern** for each other.*

2) **MOTHERS AND DEPRESSION**

Parental temperament

Physiological changes

Social support

III. Compassionate Mothers

A. Mother's are an example of God's lifetime love for us.

1) **Isaiah 49:14-15**

*But Zion said, "The Lord has forsaken me,
the Lord has forgotten me."*

*"Can a mother forget the baby at her breast
and have no **compassion** on the child she has borne?
Though she may forget,
I will not forget you!"*

2) **I'LL LOVE YOU FOREVER**

By Robert Munsch and illustrated by Sheila McGraw

B. God's love carries us in every season of life.

1) **Hebrews 13:5**

*Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content
with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I
leave you; never will I forsake you."*

2) **MOLLY BYING A PRINCESS DRESS**

OTHER SCRIPTURES:

2 Corinthians 1:7

And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

2 Corinthians 5:13-14

If we are "out of our mind," as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For Christ's love compels us.