



**Why are you here?**

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# Genesis 1:26-27 (NKJV)

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” <sup>27</sup> So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

# Numbers 14:20-12 (NKJV)

<sup>20</sup> Then the LORD said: “I have pardoned, according to your word; <sup>21</sup> but truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD—



Isaiah 43:7 (NKJV)

Everyone who is called by My name,

Whom I have created for My glory;

I have formed him, yes, I have made him.”



Jeremiah 9:23-24 (NKJV)

<sup>23</sup> Thus says the LORD:

“Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom,  
Let not the mighty *man* glory in his might,  
Nor let the rich *man* glory in his riches;



Jeremiah 9:23-24 (NKJV)

<sup>24</sup> But let him who glories glory in this,  
That he understands and knows Me,  
That I *am* the LORD, exercising lovingkindness,  
judgment, and righteousness in the earth.  
For in these I delight,” says the LORD.



1 Peter 2: 9 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;



1 Peter 3:15 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts,  
and always *be* ready to *give* a defense to  
everyone who asks you a reason for the hope  
that is in you, with meekness and fear;

1 Peter 2:12 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

# 1 Peter 2: 9-10 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; <sup>10</sup> who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.