

# Made in the Likeness of Men

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"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; who, Existing in the Form of God, thought it not comprehensible to be Equal With God; but Emptied Himself, and having taken the Form of a Servant, **being-Made in the Likeness of Men**. And being found in fashion as a man, **He humbled Himself**, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."  
(Philippians 2:5-6-8)

**Made:** form the Greek word *genomenos* a verb which means: having-been-made; from *ginomai*: to be made, to come into being, to happen, to become, to come into being, to be born. Properly, to emerge, become, transitioning from one point (realm, condition) to another; and signifies a change of condition, state, or place" In Context: it refers to the fact that Jesus **was made** into the likeness and nature of human beings – mankind. In doing so, Jesus laid aside much of His pre-existent Devine-Nature.

**Likeness:** form the Greek word *homoiomati* a noun which means: A-Likeness, from *homoion*: a noun referring to that which is made like (something); originally: a thing made like something else, a likeness, or rather a form. (Derived from *homos*, "the same" - properly, the same as; same likeness.) Does not require one element of a comparison to be derived from the other; indeed, it can be wholly separate from it. Properly, that (a thing, a person, an object) which has been made after the likeness of something else; thus, a figure, image, likeness, or representation of something else. Again in Context: Jesus **was made** into the likeness and nature of men, human beings, mankind.

**Men:** form the Greek word *anthropoid* which means: men, mankind, humankind, the human race; people, including women and men; from anthropos: a human being, a man.

**Was-Made in the Likeness of Men:** This attribute is followed by the similar but different attribute that follows: **Being found in Fashion as a man**. "In Fashion as a Man" refers to Jesus being revealed in a physical human flesh and blood body of a unique individual male human being, for identification with men, but primarily for the destiny of a physical end goal: death on the Cross for our salvation.

In this devotional "**In the Likeness of Men**" refers to Jesus being made into the nature and likeness of men (humankind in general), concerning non=physical attributes such as cognitive, intuitive, moral, emotion, knowledge, fortitude, steadfastness, caring, strength of mind, etc., natural attributes that abides within the heart, soul, and mind of all men for the purpose of identification between Himself and all humankind. Please consider the following quotes:

"Seeing then that we have a Great High Priest, who has passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot be touched with the feeling of our weaknesses; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the Throne of Grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:14-16)

"Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He Himself also likewise took part of the same (the Fashion of a Man); that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For truly He took not on Himself the nature of angels; **but He took on Him the seed of Abraham** (In the Likeness of Men); in which in all things it was necessary for Him **to be made like unto His brethren (mankind)**, so that He might be a **Merciful** and Faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself has suffered being tempted, He is able to come to the aid those who are tempted." (Hebrews 2:16-18)

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**Consider just a few of the 'Made in the Likeness of Men' attributes of Jesus:**

**Like us, Jesus Had to grow in the knowledge, wisdom, and understanding of men and God:** "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men." (Luke 2:52)

**Like us, Jesus knew and experienced Sorrow and Grief; He knew, like us, rejection, affliction, and being despised of men:**

"He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from Him. **He was despised**, and we esteemed Him not. Surely He has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, **and afflicted**." (Isaiah 53:3-4)

"Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He (the Father) has put Him (the Son) to grief: when You shall make His soul an offering for sin (our sin), He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. He shall see of the **travail of His soul**, and shall be satisfied; by His knowledge shall **My (the Father's) Righteous Servant (Jesu) justify many (us)**; for He shall bear their (our) iniquities." (Isaiah 53:10-11)

**Like us, Jesus also knew Joy in the midst of shame:**

Look "unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our Faith; **who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame**, and has sat down at the Right Hand of the Throne of God." (Hebrews 12:2)

**Like us, but perhaps much better than us, Jesus knew compassion:**

"And it came to pass the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and many people. Now when He came near to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and many people of the city were with her. And when the Lord saw her, **He had compassion on her**, and said unto her, 'Weep not.' And He came and touched the bier; and those who bore him stood still. And He said, 'Young man, I say unto you, Arise.' And he who was dead sat up, and began to speak. And He delivered him to his mother. And there came a fear upon all; and they glorified God, saying that, 'a great Prophet has risen up among us;' and that, 'God has visited His people.' " (Luke 7:11-16)

"And Jesus, when He came out, saw many people, **and was moved with compassion toward them**, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and He began to teach them many things." (Mark 6:34)

**Like us, Jesus knew anger, and yet without sin:**

"And He entered again into the synagogue; and there was a man there who had a withered hand. And they watched Him, *to see whether He would heal him on the sabbath day*; so that they might accuse Him. And He said unto the man who had the withered hand, 'Stand forth.' And He said unto them, 'Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil? To save life, or to kill?' But they held their peace. And when He had looked around about on them **with anger, being grieved** for the hardness of their hearts, He said unto the man, 'Stretch forth your hand.' And he stretched it out; and his hand was restored whole like the other." (Mark 3:1-5)

Perhaps the greatest expression of upright anger of Jesus, was spoken against the Scribes and Pharisees: Please read Matthew 23:1-32.

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**Like us, Jesus experienced hate, adversity, testing, and temptation, and yet without sin:**

“And Jesus, being full of the Holy Spirit returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, being forty days **tempted of the devil**. And in those days He ate nothing; and when they were ended, He afterwards was hungry. And the devil said unto Him, 'If You are the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread.' And Jesus answered him, saying, 'It is written, that man shall not live by bread alone, **but by every Word of God**.'" (read Luke 4:1-13)

And the chief priests and the scribes at the same hour sought to lay hands on Him; ... But He perceived their craftiness, and said unto them, '**Why are you testing Me?** Shew Me a denarius.'" (Please read Luke 20:19-22, Matthew 22:15-22)

“These things I command you, that you love one another. If the world hates you, **you know that it hated Me before it hated you**. If you were of the world, the world would love it's own; but because you are not of the world, I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said unto you, 'The servant is not greater than His Lord.' If they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept My sayings, they will keep yours also." (John 15:17-20)

**Like us, Jesus put His trust in the Father in the face of persecution, agony, and death:**

“And He (Jesus) came out, and went, as He was inclined, to the mount of Olives; and His disciples also followed Him. And when He arrived at the place, He said unto them, 'Pray that you do not enter into temptation. And He withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down, and prayed, saying, 'Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me: **yet nevertheless not My will, but Your will be done**. And there appeared an angel unto Him from heaven, strengthening Him. **And being in agony He prayed more earnestly**: and His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground." (Luke 22:39-44)

**Like us, Jesus Loves! It is as He said:**

“This is My commandment, That you love one another, **as I have loved you**. **Greater love has no man than this, that a man lays down his life for his friends** (beloved-ones - *philos*). **You are My friends**, if you do whatever I command you. From now onward I call you not servants; for the servant does not know what his lord does: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known unto you.' (see John 15: 9-12-15)

## Jesus was Made in the Likeness of Men

**Like us, Jesus knew sorrow, grief, rejection, and anger... !**

**Like us, Jesus knew love, joy, peace, compassion, and self control... !**

**Like us, Jesus was tested, and tempted, in various ways, and yet without sin!**

**Like us, Jesus had to trust in the Father for wisdom, knowledge, and guidance... !**

**Like us, Jesus had to trust in the Father for deliverance from persecution, adversity, agony, and death, even the death of the cross!**

**Lord Jesus, thank You so very much for becoming like me!**

**Thank You Jesus that I can look to You, and relate to all that You endured for my sake!**

**Lord Jesus, I look forward to the blessed hope of spending eternity with you forever!**

**Always and always! Amen and amen!**