Hermeneutical Considerations Regarding the Creation of Man (Genesis 1, 26-27)

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Abstract

This article explores a series of theories and interpretations regarding a biblical text that the researchers considered of utmost importance for the biblical theology: Genesis 1, 26-27. Looking closely at the text, we encounter the problem of finding answers to two fundamental questions: Whom does God address with the words "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness"? and What does it mean that humanity is made in the image of God? The answer to the first question generates the answer to the second one, since defining the image of God and its characteristics could only be done based on the biblical grounds and arguments offered in the Old Testament.