

# LA VIDA DEL REINO



## 3. FAMILY

“This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven”.

*Matthew 6:9-10 NTV*

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.”

*Genesis 1:26 NTV*

In this verse from the first chapter of the Bible, the creation of man is narrated stating that he was made in the image of God. The word used in the original language is “Elohim”. This word is not a name, rather it is a title to describe several beings of the same class. It would be very difficult to translate it into English but a possible translation would be: "several who are ONE", said to themselves, let's make human beings in our likeness, (also several who are ONE), so that they reign and govern on Earth. We will see how later on.

*“So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.”*

*Genesis 1:27-28 NLT*

Then the Elohim, (several who are ONE), created human beings in their likeness; with their own image. The objective was to reproduce that image, multiply it, fill the Earth and govern it with its characteristics; making it so that the Earth is the natural manifestation of the spiritual Kingdom or Kingdom of Heaven. In other words, enabling God to reign on Earth by extension or through his children, (human beings); whom He created for that purpose.

The family is God's desire for a man and a woman to unite in His will and purpose, living as He designed, (marriage), which not only reproduces the natural species, (human beings), but also the image and glory of God until the whole Earth is filled with it.

Family is God's design. It is his plan and it is the cell from which his body is formed. The human being begins to form from a cell; when the sperm fertilizes the egg. This cell begins to reproduce and multiply until it becomes a body with all the members and organs necessary to function as **ONE**, only responding to the authority of the head-**This is family.**

*All of you together are Christ's body and each of you is a part of it.*

*1 Corinthians 12:27 NLT*

*Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body...*

*Colossians 1:18 NLT*

**Although our blood family is important, to God family is much more than that. His family is composed of those who do his will; those who decide to be members of his church and community who are living according to his culture. The culture of the Kingdom of Heaven.**

*Jesus asked, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" Then he pointed to his disciples and said, "Look, these are my mother and brothers. Anyone who does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother!"*

*Matthew 12:48-50 NLT*

*Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household,*

*Ephesians 2:19 NIV*

### **STUDY QUESTIONS:**

1. Why do you think that when God says: "let us do", he speaks in plural?
2. What do you think happens in the spiritual environment when we do not make decisions in UNITY with God?
3. We may have a family and a "good" group of friends but do you think God's purpose can be reflected in this group if they are not ONE? Why?