

The Rapture

The Glorified Image of Old Testament Saints

- I.** Adam was created in the image of God (Gen. 1:27).
 1. The term “image” in both Testaments has the concept of what something looks like (Nu. 33:52; Ez. 16:17; 23:14).
 2. God’s image is light (Ps. 104:1-2; 1 Tim. 6:16 *cf.* 1 Jn. 3:2).
 3. Adam lost his original image when he fell (Gen. 3:7 *cf.* 1:28).
 4. Now all humans are procreated in Adam’s image (Gen. 5:3).
 5. Currently humans have no garment of light.

- II.** The resurrection of Old Testament saints.
 1. They will have bodies that shine (Dan. 12:3).
 - 1) Some firmament—a glow.
 - 2) Others as the stars which vary in intensity.
 - 3) Degrees of shining (Heb. 11:35).
 - 4) Additional variations (1 Cor. 15:41-42).
 - i. Sun
 - ii. Moon
 - iii. Stars (*cf.* Dan. 12:3)
 2. Millennial saints will shine as the sun (Mt. 13:43).

- III.** New Testament saints will have a better resurrection (Heb. 12:40).
 1. Ours will come before their resurrection.
 2. Ours will be a better resurrection.