

# God's Original Plan for Man: Dominion over the Earth

## Announce:

1. Offering & Giving at The Road are done through our giving box outside as well as through automatic giving online
2. Camp Out coming up August 7-9<sup>th</sup> if you want to attend
3. August 22<sup>nd</sup> is our Road Launch Saturday, in which we will unveil all the ministry opportunities for the Fall
4. In the fall, we will be moving into Revelation
5. Men's Boot Camp, Wholeheart Advance Sept 10-13

## Review:

- Lucifer, a guardian angel in the 4<sup>th</sup> dimension was created by God to be an intercessor of receiving worship and giving worship to God (listen to my earlier message)
- The highest of exalted angels.
- But through spontaneous generation and pride for power, desire to be like God, exalted itself above God, sin was found in Lucifer's heart and he became the dragon, Satan.
- Son of the Morning became Son of the Night—darkness

### Isa 14:12

How you are fallen from heaven,

O Lucifer, son of the morning!

How you are cut down to the ground,

You who weakened the nations!

13 For you have said in your heart:

'I will ascend into heaven,

I will exalt my throne above the stars of God;

I will also sit on the mount of the congregation

On the farthest sides of the north;

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds,  
I will be like the Most High.'

15 Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol,  
To the lowest depths of the Pit.<sup>1</sup>

- A war took place in the heavenlies (Gen 1:1-2)

**Jeremiah 4: 23**

**I beheld the earth, and indeed *it was without form, and void;***

**And the heavens, they *had no light.***

24 I beheld the mountains, and indeed they trembled,  
And all the hills moved back and forth.

25 I beheld, and indeed *there was no man,*  
And all the birds of the heavens had fled.

26 I beheld, and indeed the fruitful land was a  
wilderness,

**And all its cities were broken down**

**At the presence of the LORD,**

**By His fierce anger.<sup>2</sup>**

- Ex. Halley, the great Astronomer, best known for the comet named after him, noted that the North Pole is a few degrees off of true north. Halley actually wondered if there had been in ages past a great collision with a comet. That originally the vertical axis had been perfect, but something happened. So he set himself to calculate the volume, mass, and weight of the ocean and came to the conclusion that the impact, the change of balance that would take the north and south poles off of their perfect vertical positions would have sent the oceans whirling around the globe and tossing the mountains ranges forward. Settling then into their current positions
- Ex heavens with no light? No light upon the earth would cause an ice age. Geologists tells us that there are traces

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<sup>1</sup> *The New King James Version*. 1982 (Is 14:12–15). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

<sup>2</sup> *The New King James Version*. 1982 (Je 4:23–26). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

of glaciers across the whole face of the earth with marks of a great ice cap in the center of equatorial Africa

- Cast to the earth, possibly for millions of years, Satan could do nothing but destroy what God had created.
- Satan cannot create but only imitate. Satan's beauty was unable to create anything
- Satan cannot bring life but death. Satan's wisdom could only produce death and destruction
- Satan cannot build and develop but only steal and destroy
- Jesus said, "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy."<sup>3</sup>
- God is giving Satan time to fail and it all began with failure
- Possibly millions of years pass and then God

### **God begins to Move Again to Create, Build, develop, beautify, and make all things "good"**

- From Genesis 1:2 to Genesis 2, God is creating again—all things are good through Him
- God is unscrambling eggs
- **For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.**<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> *The New King James Version*. 1982 (Jn 10:10). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

<sup>4</sup> *The New King James Version*. 1982 (Col 1:16–17). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

- **All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.**<sup>5</sup>
- *Fiat Lux*- There was light! The lights is shining through the darkness and there is "scene shift" as God recreates the earth

**On the 6<sup>th</sup> day, God creates Man, a new ruler upon the earth. A Co-Regent, a Co-Viceroy over the earth**

- You may not see yourself that way, but God originally intended for you, as His image bearer, to be rule over, have authority over all creation on the earth
- Satan cannot understand what is going on. It's important at this point to understand the delegated authority of God given sovereignly to man

**Turn to Genesis 2:7**

**And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed...**

- Eden means "delight"
- God has prepared man for delight, for a love relationship with Him
- God is forming a beautiful creation, His highest creation to take back the earth, to rule over the earth, to be His constant companion

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<sup>5</sup> *The New King James Version*. 1982 (Jn 1:3–5). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

- He has breathed His life into us—his very life
- Jesus said, “I came that you might have life and have it abundantly”
- You were created by God for intimacy with Him—this is the deepest form of life—intimacy with Christ
- Man is distinct from all creation—He is not an angel, but uniquely created in the image of God
- Capacity and ability constitute accountability and responsibility. We were not created by God to just exist and survive, but to dwell and overcome

**Vs. 15 Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”**

- Man was originally made for authority and dominion
- Man is given rulership over the earth
- Paul Billheimer writes, “Man was originally for authority. He was created and fashioned for dominion. When came fresh from the hand of God, he was given rulership of the earth, kingship of its life, and the control and mastery of its forces.”

**In Psalm 8, we read,**

**What is man that You are mindful of him,**

**And the son of man that You visit him?**

**5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels,**

**And You have crowned him with glory and honor.**

**6 You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands;**

**You have put all *things* under his feet,<sup>6</sup>**

- Man was created to work and have dominion. To have dominion over THE Garden, but today to have dominion over A Garden
- Death is not supposed to happen. We were not created for death but life. We still don't know how to handle death—it was originally not supposed to be in our DNA

**18 And the LORD God said, "*It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.*" 19**

**Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought *them* to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. 20 So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field.**

- God originally gave us a bona fide grant over the earth
- We are Co-Regents, Co-Viceroy over the earth
- God desires to express His character and authority, through His image, over the earth
- God wanted to display His power over the earth through us!

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<sup>6</sup> *The New King James Version*. 1982 (Ps 8:4–6). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

Look back at Gen 1:28

**“Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”<sup>7</sup>**

- The first man and woman are a microcosm of the First Church—signaling God’s ultimate victory through Jesus Christ, more on that next week
- God is promising success to the first couple—they are to have dominion over the garden, over the whole earth!
- We are created by God to “be fruitful and multiply”
- We are supposed to have dominion over creation through working and multiplying. God’s way is a successful dominion over all creation—even satan and demons
- Jesus said such as he gave the talents out in his story of giving talents of 5, 2, and 1

**Jesus said such, “After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.**

**20 “So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, ‘Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.’**

**21 His lord said to him, ‘Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’<sup>8</sup>**

- God wants you to multiply your talents! God wants

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<sup>7</sup> *The New King James Version*. 1982 (Ge 1:28). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

<sup>8</sup> *The New King James Version*. 1982 (Mt 25:19–21). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

you to have dominion over this earth

- God wants us to work hard, in the power of the Spirit, to push back darkness—there was darkness over the earth and God creates light and created man in the same week!
- This is the Original Plan of God for Man!

**Vs. 20 But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him. And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. 22 Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.**

**23 And Adam said:**

**“This is now bone of my bones**

**And flesh of my flesh;**

**She shall be called Woman,**

**Because she was taken out of Man.”**

**24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.**

**25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.<sup>9</sup>**

- Godly Companionship! The Original Plan of Gods Dominion was also for men and women to do it together
- Some are called to be single—it’s not more spiritual to be single and it’s not more spiritual to be married. It’s God’s calling to each
- But marriage between a man and a woman is God’s idea. God created marriage between a man and a woman, not a man with a man or a woman with a woman

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<sup>9</sup> *The New King James Version*. 1982 (Ge 2:7–25). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

- The Supreme Court has decided. The Supreme Court is the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!
- God working through marriage to have dominion over the works of the earth!
- Marriage is for taking dominion, to bless and multiply
- Your marriage, your singleness is to have dominion, to create, build, develop on this earth
- Ex. some of you are electricians, plumbers, doctors, lawyers, construction workers, musicians, administrators, and politicians—have dominion! Bless and multiply.
- Take back your ground! Take the kingdom to your family, your work, your ambition is to bring God glory on the earth!!

### Transference of Title to Rule

#### Genesis 3:1

**Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"<sup>10</sup>**

- 2 Cor 2:11 "lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices."<sup>11</sup>
- He is cunning and crafty but after thousands of years, his devices, strategies and schemes have not changed

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<sup>10</sup> *The New King James Version*. 1982 (Ge 3:1–2). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

<sup>11</sup> *The New King James Version*. 1982 (2 Co 2:11). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

- Satan and Demons always cause us to start questioning God, questioning His Word, questioning His Promises
- If Satan and his Minions can start causing you to question God's goodness, love, and plan for your life, then it's only a matter of time before they enslave you

**1. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" First and Foremost, Satan wants us to Question the Goodness and Love of God!**

- God wants to limit your life, limit your choices, limit your freedom
- He is just a "killjoy" that will make your life boring, sober, and sad
- He wants to limit your fun! It's going to be a lot more fun without Jesus.
- Ex. I know a guy who said to me, if I give my life to Christ, I will lose all my friends, have no more parties to go to, and just be absolutely bored!
- If a demon can begin to cause you to question the love and goodness of God, you are headed down the road to slavery
- C.S. Lewis said it well in "Weight of Glory,"

***If there lurks in most modern minds the notion that to desire our own good and earnestly to hope for the enjoyment of it is a bad thing, I submit that this notion has crept in from Kant and the Stoics and is no part of the Christian faith. Indeed, if we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak.***

***We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.***

**Vs. 2**

And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; <sup>3</sup> but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' "

<sup>4</sup> Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. <sup>12</sup>

## **2. Questioning God's Word. Questioning what God has actually said. Questioning the Consequences of Sin!**

- Satan is putting a question mark right in the middle of God's Word, the Scriptures
- This is why our Bible is so attacked: the most debated and challenged books of the Bible? Do you know? Genesis and Revelation
- Because Genesis answers the questions of Why we were created and God's ultimate plan for creation
- Revelation answers the questions of Who will Win and How. This gives us confidence in God's ultimate victory
- We are more than conquerors in Christ when we understand our desire and destiny and our hope in God's ultimate victory!
- In America, the Bible as we know it will be outlawed because it will be promoted as Hate Speech and

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<sup>12</sup> *The New King James Version*. 1982 (Ge 3:2-4). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

## Prejudicial

### Vs. 5

**For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”<sup>13</sup>**

### **3. Questioning God’s Authority and Power over us. We can be like God! We can possess God’s authority and power and do what we want!**

- This is ultimately the very center of Satan’s rebellion was power!
- This is the description of the spontaneous generation in the heart of Lucifer,
  - **‘I will ascend into heaven,**
  - **I will exalt my throne above the stars of God;**
  - **I will also sit on the mount of the congregation**
  - **On the farthest sides of the north;**
  - **14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds,**
  - **I will be like the Most High.’**
- Ex. I was with Dave Eubanks, the founder of the Free Burmese Rangers and we were talking about the dictatorship over Burma and how every major dictator eventually turns to demonic forces to keep power. They all get involved heavily in the Occult: Hitler, Stalin, Amin, Pol Pot. Hitler and Stalin alone murdered over 120 million people...
- Ex. Most people are not aware of the fact that the Nazi Party (National Socialist Worker Germany Party) was the offspring of the Germany secret societies of the Order of Oriental Templars, The Thule Society, and the Vril

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<sup>13</sup> *The New King James Version*. 1982 (Ge 3:5). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

Society. All of these secret societies dealt with the occult and black magic.

- Stalin's daughter Svetlana Alliluyeva said that a terrible demon had possession of Stalin. She wrote: *"Beria (the Soviet minister of interior) seemed to have had a diabolic link with all our family ... Beria was a frightening, wicked demon ... A terrible demon had taken possession of my father's soul.*
- The Secretary of the Communist International allied himself with Stalin in the struggle with Trotsky and others in the 1920's after Lenin died wrote the following about Stalin *"He is not a man, but a devil."*
- Stalin Kaganovitch brother-in-the-law wrote the following in his diary. *"I started to understand how Stalin managed to make himself a god. He did not have a single human characteristic ... Even when he exhibited some emotions, they did not seem to belong to him ..."*

The Lust for Power borne out of Pride is the beginning of demon possession. In our own lives, when we begin to question God's power and His purposes we are being tempted into realm that lead to great destruction

- Through drugs
- Through alcohol
- Through sex
- Through manipulation over people

When we question God's goodness, love, plan, purposes, and power, we are giving over to the enemy our birthright, our title of the earth

Jesus came to restore God's honor and power and relationship in our lives

Then Jesus said to them again, “Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.<sup>14</sup>

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