

The Experience of Living in God's Home (Temple)

The Purpose of Humanity - A Royal Priesthood

To Rule and Represent

"Because man is created in God's image, he is king over nature. He rules the world on God's behalf. This is of course no license for the unbridled exploitation and subjugation of nature ...

mankind is here commissioned to rule nature as a benevolent king, acting as God's representative over them and therefore treating them in the same way as God who created them."

- Gordon J. Wenham

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"This is what Jesus did—and does-with shame. He seeks it out and does not blink in its presence. He does not pretend it is not there...In the end, he did not shy away from crucifixion but approached it head-on, and then scorned, disregarded, and despised the shame that it represented."

- Curt Thompson, MD