

Redemption At Work
Developing a Theology of Work
Lesson 4

B. Man Is Distinguished From All Creation

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C. What is your dominion?

D. The BIG Lie Gen 3

God is not _____ as He says He is.
You can't _____ and _____.
How does God dispel the lies?

E. The BIG lie continues.

Unbelief _____ everything.
You can't do everything _____ and you _____.

F. Examining the "real" world.

Chaos, Confusion and _____

G. Jesus Christ Redeems _____

H. The Offer/Promise

(Mt 11:28-30 (NIV)) "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. (29) Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. (30) For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Not just a _____ but a _____.

Ephesians 2:8-10 (NIV)

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- (9) not by works, so that no one can boast. (10) For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

How do you do that?

Three Questions to Start the Day

Will I be trusting God today?

Obey God and surrender the outcomes. 1Peter 2:23

Will I grieve over my own sin?

Don't walk in shame, walk in hope and gratitude. 1Jn 1:9

Will I be forgiving fellow sinners?

Lighten your load. 2Cor 5:14-16

A train knows its greatest freedom when it is running on the tracks. Augustus Strong

Give me a teachable spirit.

Learning from **everything**

Help me to grow in my faith.

Faith affects **everything**

Help to see things as they really are.

Pr 18 (NIV) Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but blessed is he who keeps the law.

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Man Is Given Work To Do By God

Boundaries/Limits

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What is Your
Dominion?

Genesis Chapter 3

Genesis 3:1-5 (NIV)

(Ge 1 (NIV)) Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" (2) The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, (3) but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" (4) "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. (5) "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Jesus Christ puts the real, real back into the “real” world

(Ge 1:1-3 (NIV)) In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.(2) Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. (3) And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

(Jn 1:1-5 (NIV)) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (2) He was with God in the beginning. (3) Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. (4) In him was life, and that life was the light of men. (5) The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

Created in the image and likeness of God
Given dominion responsibility over creation
Works with God
Responsibility of self-regulation
Work in harmony with others

The Big Lie

God really isn't as good as He says he is.

Unbelief Ruins

EVERYTHING

This is the **real** world and you can't do everything God's way
You don't have to do everything God says you have to do!

REDEMPTION OF
EVERYTHING

Col 1:13-18 For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, ⁽¹⁴⁾ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ⁽¹⁵⁾ And He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation. ⁽¹⁶⁾ For by Him all things were created, *both* in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things have been created by Him and for Him.⁽¹⁷⁾ And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. ⁽¹⁸⁾ He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead; so that He Himself might come to have first place in everything.

The Absolute Centrality of
Everything
Jesus Christ
Everything is Spiritual