

# JANUARY 2026 THEME: THE KING AND HIS DOMINION

## Message Title - Man as Kingdom Steward

### *Dominion Under God, Not Apart from God*

**Date:** Sunday, January 11, 2026

#### **Primary Texts:**

- Genesis 1:26–28
- Genesis 2:15–17

#### **Supporting Texts:**

Psalms 8:4–6; Luke 16:10–12; Romans 5:12; 1 Corinthians 4:1–2; Colossians 1:16–17

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### **Introduction (5 Minutes)**

The Kingdom of God did not begin with salvation.

It began with **delegation**.

Before there was a church...

Before there was law...

Before there was sin...

**There was stewardship.**

“Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion...”

*(Genesis 1:26, KJV)*

God did not create man as an owner.

God created man as a **steward under a King**.

This message defines **who we are**, **why we exist**, and **how dominion was designed to function**.

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## **I. THE KING CREATES MAN WITH PURPOSE**

### *Dominion Is Intentional, Not Accidental*

#### **Genesis 1:26**

“Let us make man in our image... and let them have dominion...”

#### **A. Man Was Created by Divine Counsel**

- “Let **us** make man” - intentional, Trinitarian counsel
- Dominion was **planned**, not improvised

#### **B. Man Was Created in God’s Image**

- Image = representation
- Man was created to **reflect God’s rule on earth**

Psalms 8:6 - “Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands...”

#### **Kingdom Truth:**

Man is not sovereign; man is **representative**.

#### **Application:**

If we reject God’s authority, we lose our ability to represent Him correctly.

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## **II. DOMINION IS DELEGATED, NOT INDEPENDENT**

## ***Authority Always Comes With Accountability***

### **Genesis 1:28**

“And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful... and have dominion...”

#### **A. Dominion Comes After Blessing**

- Blessing empowers stewardship
- Authority flows from relationship with God

#### **B. Dominion Is Exercised Under God**

- God did not abdicate His throne
- He delegated authority **under His rule**

Luke 16:10 - “He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much.”

#### **Kingdom Principle:**

Stewardship determines promotion.

#### **Warning:**

When stewardship becomes autonomy, rebellion begins.

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## **III. THE KING DEFINES THE BOUNDARIES OF STEWARDSHIP**

### ***Freedom Exists Within Obedience***

#### **Genesis 2:15–17**

“And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden... But of the tree... thou shalt not eat...”

#### **A. Man Was Given Responsibility**

- “To dress it and to keep it”
- Stewardship includes **care, protection, and cultivation**

#### **B. Man Was Given Boundaries**

- Dominion without boundaries becomes destruction
- Obedience is the safeguard of authority

1 Corinthians 4:2 - “Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.”

#### **Kingdom Truth:**

Boundaries do not limit life; they **protect it**.

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## **IV. THE FALL: STEWARDSHIP CORRUPTED BY DISOBEDIENCE**

### ***Dominion Lost Through Rebellion***

Though Genesis 3 unfolds this fully, Genesis 2 already sets the test.

- God gave a command
- Man had a choice
- Authority depended on obedience

Romans 5:12 - “By one man sin entered into the world...”

#### **Key Insight:**

Sin is not just moral failure - it is **rebellion against delegated authority**.

**Result:**

- Fellowship broken
- Dominion distorted
- Creation subjected to decay

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**V. CHRIST: THE PERFECT KINGDOM STEWARD*****Dominion Restored Through Obedience***

Where Adam failed, **Christ succeeded**.

Colossians 1:16–17 - “By him were all things created... and by him all things consist.”

**A. Jesus Is the Image of God**

- What Adam was meant to reflect, Christ fulfilled perfectly

**B. Jesus Obeyed Fully**

- Obedient in life
- Obedient unto death

Philippians 2:8 - “He humbled himself, and became obedient unto death...”

**Kingdom Reality:**

Dominion is restored through submission to Christ the King.

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**VI. OUR RESPONSE: REDEEMED STEWARDS IN THE KINGDOM*****Living Under God’s Rule Today***

Romans 8:19 - “The earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.”

**A. Believers Are Stewards Again**

- Not owners of life, gifts, resources, or calling
- Managers of God’s purposes

**B. Stewardship Touches Every Area**

- Time
- Talents
- Treasure - Finances
- Transformation - Influence - Authority

**Question:**

Are you ruling *under* God, or attempting to rule *instead* of God?

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**CONCLUSION (5 Minutes)**

God never intended man to rule without Him.

Dominion only works **under the King**.

- Adam lost dominion through disobedience
- Christ restored dominion through obedience
- We now live as **redeemed stewards**, awaiting full restoration

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## **CALL TO RESPONSE**

### **I. SALVATION**

“Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” (John 3:3)

### **II. CONSECRATION**

Where has God’s authority been resisted?

- Decisions?
- Leadership?
- Obedience?

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## **PRAYER DECLARATIONS (7)**

1. Father, You are the rightful King over my life
2. I renounce independence and self-rule
3. I receive grace to steward what You entrust to me
4. I submit every area to Your authority
5. Restore divine order in my life
6. I choose obedience over autonomy
7. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in me.