

THE BENEFITS OF WORSHIP RECLAIMED

1. Created for and Rulership

Genesis NKJV 1: ²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over ²⁷ all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷ So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 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 ²⁹ moves on the earth."

Psalms NKJV 115: ¹⁶ The heaven, *even* the heavens, *are* the Lord's; But the earth He has given to the children of men.

Genesis NKJV 2: ¹⁵ Then the Lord God took ¹⁶ the man and put him in the garden of Eden to ¹⁷ tend and keep it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷ 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 ¹⁸ shall surely die."

2. Beginning the Reinstatement

Genesis NKJV 3: ²¹ Also for Adam and his wife the **Lord** God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

Genesis NKJV 4: ⁴ Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore ⁵ Cain, and said, "I have acquired a man from the Lord." ² Then she bore again, this time his brother ³ Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ⁴ ground. ³ And ⁴ in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the Lord. ⁴ Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the Lord respected Abel and his offering, ⁵ but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. ⁶ So the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? ⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire *is* ⁸ for you, but you should rule over it."

3. Lost and Restored

Matthew NKJV 4: ⁸ Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.’”

Matthew NKJV 4: ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Ephesians NKJV 2: ⁶ and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, ⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus