

Sermon Guide and Discussion Questions

Dominion Exercised in Desperate Dependence – Genesis 1:28-31

Sermon Outline

1. Introduction
2. Dominion: Fruitfulness and Working like God
3. Dependence: I am Mephibosheth!
4. Delight: That which was lost in sin, God was pleased to restore in Christ
5. Conclusion

Scripture Passages Referenced

- Genesis 2:15 - Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.
- Psalm 104:28-29 - What You give them they gather in....
- 2 Corinthians 12:9 - My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.
- Matthew 5:5 - Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- 2 Samuel 9:7 - ...and you shall eat bread at my table continually.
- Proverbs 16:9 - A man's heart plans his way, but the LORD directs His steps.
- Zechariah 4:6 - Not my might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts.
- Hebrews 2:14-15 - He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.
- Colossians 1:13 - He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love.
- John 8:36 - Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

Discussion Questions

- Why is it significant that God blesses mankind before commanding them? (v.28)
- What comes to mind when you hear God command man to "subdue the earth?"
- How does a proper understanding of man's dominion inform our approach to creation care, animal care, and work?
- Why are abortion, fornication, sodomy, transgenderism, and racial supremacism so heinous in light of God's command to multiply His image in the world?
- Do you find it difficult to delight yourself in being desperately dependent on God? Why?
- Examine your prayer life in light of today's sermon. Are your prayer habits reflecting a desperate dependence on God?
- Is prayer your first response or last resort?
- What's wrong with this phrase: "All we can do now is pray?"
- How wonderful is it to see how Jesus Christ, the 2nd Adam, restores everything that man lost through sin? Take some time to give thanks for Jesus!
- What sins are you still living in slavery to? How might you seek freedom from that sin through Christ and the help of His church?