

I. Introduction

A. **Deuteronomy 28:13 (NKJV)** – *And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them*

Deuteronomy 28:13 (SLT) – **Smiths Literal Translation** – *And Jehovah gave thee for head, and not for tail: and **thou wert only for ascending, and thou shalt not be for beneath**; when thou shalt hear to the commands of Jehovah thy God that I command thee this day, to watch and to do*

1. God is bringing his people into a covenant relationship with himself. He reveals his thoughts and plans for them – **THEY ARE TO BE ABOVE ONLY AND NOT BENEATH.**
2. **Smiths** – thou wert only for ascending – thou shalt not be for beneath – **YOU WERE MADE TO ASCEND – YOU WERE NOT MADE FOR BENEATH** – *you were made to be above all things – not beneath.*

B. **Exodus 19:5 (NKJV)** – *Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine*

Note: Gods people were created to be ABOVE not BENEATH.
Beneath – down-below or under

C. The Creation of the Human Race

Genesis 1:26 (NKVJ) – *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 all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth*

Genesis 1:26 (NASB) – Let them rule over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the sky and over the livestock and over all the earth – and over every crawling thing that crawls on the earth.

Genesis 1:26 (AMP) – Let them have complete authority

Man was created to have dominion.

Dominion – to rule – to tread down – to dominate

D. Psalm 8:4-9 (NKJV) – *⁴What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him? ⁵For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor. ⁶You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, ⁷all sheep and oxen—even the beasts of the field, ⁸the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea that pass through the paths of the seas. ⁹O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth*

1. Lower than the angels – Elohim – God

- a. NLT – a little lower than God
- b. NASB – a little lower than God
- c. Amp – A little lower than God
- d. CSB – a little less than God
- e. CEV – You made us a little lower than yourself.

2. We were created in the IMAGE/LIKENESS of our father God.

- a. We were created to lead – like him.
- b. We were created to have dominion like him.
- c. We were created to rule – like him.
- d. We were created to speak like him.
- e. We were created – ONLY BENEATH HIM/HIS AUTHORITY.
- f. Nothing else – was created to stand between God and mankind
- g. God – US – everything else – angels – spirits – animals

AT CREATION WE WERE NEVER CREATED TO BE UNDER

E. God's Order

1. God
2. Man
3. Everything else

F. When Satan gained access through the fall the order changed.

1. God
2. Satan's domain/dark spirit world
3. Man

G. Jesus came to restore what was Lost in the fall.

1. Not just so we can go to heaven.
2. Jesus came so that we can ascend back to a position of victory.
3. Jesus came so we can move back into a position of authority.
4. Jesus came so we do not have to be beneath the feet/authority of Satan.
5. Jesus came to RESTORE us back to God through his own righteousness.

H. There is a POSITIONING issue in the church!

*Many in the church still believe they are beneath the devil's power.
They believe that they are beneath the circumstances of Life.
Beneath the control of sickness/weakness/ lack/ etc.*

1. **Wrong perception**
 - a. Sinners saved by grace
 - b. Still the worm of the dust
 - c. Still a wretch – unfit/unworthy/no good/unrighteous
 - d. Overcome by the devil
 - e. Defeated by the circumstances
 - f. Just suppose to barely make it through life – *that's spiritual...*

2. **We need to understand our POSITION/where we are in the scope of things.**

3. **Understanding the position of Jesus.**
 - a. **Jesus came and lived above sin and reproach – never submitting to Satan like Adam did.**
 - b. **Hebrews 2:5-11 (NKJV)** – *⁵For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels. ⁶But one testified in a certain place, saying: “What is man that You are mindful of him, or the son of man that You take care of him? ⁷You have made him a little lower than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor, and set him over the works of Your hands. ⁸You have put all things in subjection under his feet.” For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him. ⁹But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren*
 - c. **Jesus came to change our position!**
 - **From being UNDERNEATH**
 - **To ABOVE ONLY**
 - d. **Ephesians 1:19-23 (NKJV)** – *¹⁹and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power ²⁰which He worked in Christ when He raised Him*

*from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. ²²And **He put all things under His feet**, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, ²³which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all*

IN GENESIS AND PSALM 8 everything was supposed to be UNDER mankind's feet. Here it is restored to JESUS.

Praise the Lord – all things are under HIS feet, but what about us?

- e. **Ephesians 2:4-7 (NKJV)** – ⁴*But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus*

Ephesians 2:4-7 (AMP) – ⁴*But God—so rich is He in His mercy! Because of and in order to satisfy the great and wonderful and intense love with which He loved us, ⁵even when we were dead (slain) by [our own] shortcomings and trespasses, He made us alive together in fellowship and in union with Christ; [He gave us the very life of Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him, for] it is by grace (His favor and mercy which you did not deserve) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation). ⁶And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together [giving us joint seating with Him] in the heavenly sphere [by virtue of our being] in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One). ⁷He did this that He might clearly demonstrate through the ages to come the immeasurable (limitless, surpassing) riches of His free grace (His unmerited favor) in [His] kindness and goodness of heart toward us in Christ Jesus.*

Ephesians 4:6 (GNT) – *In our union with Christ Jesus he raised us up with him to rule with him in the heavenly world.*

This is VICTORY!

This is EXTREME VICTORY!

It doesn't seem that this is the song most churches are singing.

Woe is me – poor old me

WE ARE NOT BENEATH!

WE ARE ALREADY POSITIONED above – above only!

WE ARE DOMINATORS – not the DOMINATED!

II. Closing: How do we develop in this?

A. Renew our minds

1. Who we are – new identity in Christ.

2. What we have.

3. What we can do.

B. Refuse to be intimidated by a defeated mindset.

C. Refuse to speak defeat – defeated words.

D. Begin to confess what the word of God says about us.

E. Begin to use your authority over the circumstances.

Confession – I refuse to be beneath – Jesus created me to be above – above only
– I refuse to live beneath the circumstances.