

I. Introduction/Opening Discussion

A. Dominion Definition

1. The power or right of governing or controlling.
2. Authority, command, Control, or jurisdiction
3. The right to govern, rule or determine.

B. There has been limited or no teaching on this subject in many Christian communities.

1. Much mention about heaven and eternity, but limited mention regarding our dominion and how to use it.
2. Jesus may have shocked the disciples when He told them to speak to the mountain in Mark 11. *Many Christians today are shocked when they here that they are to speak to circumstances rather than always asking God to take care of them.*

C. The Christian that never learns about dominion will always be under the circumstances, dominated by the enemy and limited in experiencing the fullness of what Jesus provided for them.

You were created for Dominion!

II. Created for Dominion

Genesis 1:26-28 (KJV) – ²⁶And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. ²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. ²⁸And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have

dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

A. We are created in the image and likeness of God.

1. **Genesis 1:26 (AMP)** – *Then God said, “Let Us (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) make man in Our image, according to Our likeness [not physical, but a spiritual personality and moral likeness]; and let them have complete authority over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the cattle, and over the entire earth, and over everything that creeps and crawls on the earth.”*

Genesis 1:26 (CEV) – *God said, “Now we will make humans, and they will be like us.*

2. **Religion and tradition cannot accept that man was created to be like God.**

NOTE: This does not mean that we are God, or that we are on the same level of God. It means that when God created mankind, He created him with some of the same abilities and characteristics as Himself. Specifically in this passage, man was created to exercise dominion just as God exercises dominion.

REMEMBER THAT WE ARE SPEAKING OF MAN IN HIS PERFECT STATE PRIOR TO THE FALL. ONCE THE FALL OCCURRED, MAN’S POSITION FOR DOMINION WAS TRANSFERRED TO SATAN, THE GOD OF THIS WORLD.

B. Understanding mankind’s dominion

1. **A king has dominion over His kingdom (Territory)**
2. **Anyone who has been given dominion has a specific territory that he may exercise control over.**

3. **Psalm 115:16 (KJV)** – *The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.*

Psalm 115:16 (GWT) – *The highest heaven belongs to the LORD, but he has given the earth to the descendants of Adam.*

Psalm 115:16 (CSB) – *The heavens are the LORD's, but the earth he has given to the human race.*

Psalm 115:16 (MSG) – *May you be blessed by GOD, by GOD, who made heaven and earth. The heaven of heavens is for GOD, but he put us in charge of the earth.*

4. **God's created man to have dominion over the earth, but man gave that authority to Satan.**

Note: Although man had given his dominion away, he still possesses the nature of one who is created to rule. This is why man always struggles to move ahead and dominate his circumstances. He was never created to be dominated over!

C. Understanding what mankind should really look like.

1. **Psalm 8:3-6 (NKJV)** – ³*When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,* ⁴*What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him?* ⁵*For **You have made him a little lower than the angels,** and You have crowned him with glory and honor.* ⁶*You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet.*

2. **Angels = Heb- Elohim – GOD**

3. Other translations

Psalm 8:5 (NLT) – *Yet you made them only a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.*

Psalm 8:5 (NASB) – *Yet You have made him a little lower than God, And You crown him with glory and majesty!*

Psalm 8:5 (AMP) – *Yet You have made him a little lower than God, And You have crowned him with glory and honor.*

Psalm 8:5 (HCSC) – *You made him little less than God*

Psalm 8:5 (CEV) – *You made us a little lower than yourself*

Psalm 8:5 (GNT) – *Yet, you made them inferior only to yourself.*

Psalm 8:5 (ISV) – *You made him a little less than divine.*

Psalm 8:5 (YLT) – *And causest him to lack a little of the Godhead, and honor and majesty compassed him.*

Pastor's Note: This is how we appeared as God's creation in His eyes. This is how we were supposed to be.

4. Made to have dominion.

Psalm 8:6 (NLT) – *You gave them charge of everything you made, putting all things under their authority*

Psalm 8:6 (ABPE) – *You have authorized him over the work of your hand, and you have set all under his feet,*

D. The Jesus Comparison

1. **Hebrews 2:5-13 (NLT)** – ⁵And furthermore, it is not angels who will control the future world we are talking about. ⁶For in one place the Scriptures say, “What are mere mortals that you should think about them, or a son of man that you should care for him?” ⁷Yet for a little while you made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. ⁸You gave them authority over all things.” Now when it says “all things,” it means nothing is left out. **But we have not yet seen all things put under their authority.** ⁹**What we do see is Jesus, who for a little while was given a position “a little lower than the angels”; and because he suffered death for us, he is now “crowned with glory and honor.”** Yes, by God’s grace, Jesus tasted death for everyone. ¹⁰God, for whom and through whom everything was made, **chose to bring many children into glory.** And it was only right that he should make Jesus, through his suffering, a perfect leader, fit to bring them into their salvation. ¹¹So now Jesus and the ones he makes holy have the same Father. That is why Jesus is not ashamed to call them his brothers and sisters. ¹²For he said to God, “I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters. I will praise you among your assembled people.” ¹³He also said, “I will put my trust in him,” that is, **“I and the children God has given me.**

2. **Because of the fall, we do not see mankind operating in the dominion that they were created for, BUT we do see Jesus.**
 - *Jesus is the second Adam coming to restore what the first Adam lost.*
 - *Jesus operated in complete dominion over every circumstance while on earth.*

3. **Bringing many sons to glory.**
 - *Glory is not heaven.*
 - **Romans 3:23 (NKJV)** – *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*



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- **Glory** = Gr – *splendor, brightness, magnificence, excellence – dignity – the most glorious position – most exalted state*
- **Jesus brought man sons *from a fallen state* – back to a state of glory – *back to splendor, brightness, a glorious position vs fallen one, exalted back to God’s original intent at created.***

4. Jesus came to restore what we lost! This includes dominion.