

I. Introduction

A. Recap of Session 1

1. Dominion definition:
 - a. The power or right of governing or controlling.
 - b. Authority, command, control, or jurisdiction
 - c. The right to govern, rule or determine.
2. Because we are created in the image and likeness of God, we were given dominion over the earth. (See Genesis 1:26-28)
3. Mankind lost his dominion when Adam transgressed against God and Satan gained dominion on earth.
4. God has been re-establishing and restoring divine order back to the human race since the fall.
 - a. The ultimate restoration came through Jesus:

Hebrews 2:8-10 NLT "...‘You 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. 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. God, 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."

Pastor’s Note: *God’s will is for mankind to have dominion.*

- b. *The ultimate restoration of our dominion comes through Jesus as He brings us back to a state of GLORY in the Father’s presence.*

II. Dominion through Covenant

Pastor’s Note: *Since the time of the fall, God has been at work restoring ALL that was lost. His plan of restoration began through the establishment of COVENANT with mankind.*

A. Whenever God established a covenant with anyone in the Bible, it always included dominion. *They were given the supernatural right and ability to DOMINATE over natural circumstances.*

1. Abraham:

Genesis 15:1-11 NKJV "After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, ‘Do not be afraid, Abram. *I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.*’ But Abram said, ‘Lord GOD, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house *is Eliezer of Damascus?*’ Then Abram said, ‘Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!’ And behold, the word of the LORD

came to him, saying, ‘This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir.’ Then He brought him outside and said, ‘Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them.’ And He said to him, ‘So shall your descendants be.’ And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness. Then He said to him, ‘I *am* the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it.’ And he said, ‘Lord GOD, how shall I know that I will inherit it?’ So He said to him, ‘Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.’ Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, down the middle, and placed each piece opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when the vultures came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.”

Genesis 15:15 NKJV “On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: ‘To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates’.”

- a. When God blessed Abraham with promises of a son and blessing for His future, Abraham asked: “How shall I know this will happen?”

NLT “How can I be sure that I will actually possess it?”

AMP “By what proof will I know that I will inherit it?”

- b. God’s response: HE ESTABLISHED A COVENANT.
- c. Through this covenant:
 - *Abram/Abraham would dominate over his own body’s age.*
 - *Sarah would dominate over her barrenness and age.*
 - *Abraham would dominate over anyone who stood in his way to keep him from the land that God was giving Israel.*
 - *He would dominate over every circumstance that withstood him.*
- d. Abraham dominates his circumstances by faith in his covenant:

Hebrews 11:8-12 NKJV “By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as *in* a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God. By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born *as many* as the stars of the sky in multitude—innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.”

- e. Faith in God’s covenant promises always provides supernatural dominion over natural circumstances.

2. Other examples:

a. **Hebrews 11:30**

NKJV “By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days. By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.”

TPT (The Passion Translation) “And what more could I say to convince you? For there is not enough time to tell you of the faith of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets. Through faith’s power they conquered kingdoms and established true justice. Their faith fastened onto their promises and pulled them into reality! It was faith that shut the mouth of lions, put out the power of raging fire, and caused many to escape certain death by the sword. Although weak, their faith imparted power to make them strong! Faith sparked courage within them and they became mighty warriors in battle, pulling armies from another realm into battle array.”

Pastor’s Note: *How did these common men and women do these things? Faith in their covenant allowed them to dominate over their circumstances.*

3. David dominated over Goliath because of Covenant

1 Samuel 17:26 KJV “And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, ‘What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?’”

- a. David knew that Goliath was not a covenant man.
- b. David was a covenant man.
- c. David knew that his covenant with God gave him DOMINION over the Philistine.
- d. Although the Philistine was bigger, stronger, and more capable of winning the battle, David knew that through his covenant with God, he would DOMINATE over Goliath.

4. The old covenant explained in Deuteronomy 28

Deut 28:1-13 NKJV “Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD

your God: 'Blessed *shall* you *be* in the city, and blessed *shall* you *be* in the country. Blessed *shall be* the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks. Blessed *shall be* your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed *shall* you *be* when you come in, and blessed *shall* you *be* when you go out. The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways. The LORD will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you. The LORD will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in His ways. Then all peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they shall be afraid of you. And the LORD will grant you plenty of goods, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your ground, in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give you. The LORD will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. 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*."

Pastor's Note: *The covenant blessing includes DOMINATING over every enemy and circumstance allowing the covenant partner to excel in strength, victory, success, wealth and more. Notice: you shall be ABOVE only. not beneath.*

NIV "The LORD will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the LORD your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom."

Berean Study Bible "The LORD will make you the head and not the tail; you will only move upward and never downward."

Brenton Septuagint "The Lord thy God make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt then be above and thou shalt not be below."

CEV "Obey the laws and teachings that I'm giving you today, and the LORD your God will make Israel a leader among the nations, and not a follower. Israel will be wealthy and powerful, not poor, and weak."

MSG "God will make you the head, not the tail; you'll always be the top dog, never the bottom dog, as you obediently listen to and diligently keep the commands of God, your God, that I am commanding you today."

III. Closing Thoughts:

- *Because we have a covenant with God, we will dominate over our circumstances. The COVENANT WORD stands in direct opposition to those things that oppose us. THE COVENANT WORD will prevail regardless of how big or impossible the circumstances appear to be.*
- *We must TAKE OUR DOMINION based on what our covenant promises say, rather than hiding in the shadows because of how big our enemies appear to be.*
- *Israel's covenant would have prevailed over the giants in the promised land, had they only relied on the dominion of their covenant promises.*