

GOD WANTS A FAMILY 6 - RULING AS THE SONS OF GOD

I. THE SCOPE OF OUR AUTHORITY AS SONS OF GOD

Rom. 8:12 Therefore, brethren, **we are debtors**—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ **For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.**

- **THE SONS OF GOD MUST UNDERSTAND RESPONSIBILITY TO RULE**
- **THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS ABOUT GOVERNING ALL TERRITORIES, ALL NATIONS, ALL OF CULTURE TRANSFORMED THROUGH THE INFLUENCE OF HEAVEN.**
- **WE ARE NOT TO TOLERATE THE LIES, INTIMIDATION AND INTRUSION OF UNAUTHORIZED ACTIVITY WITHIN THE SCOPE OF OUR GROWING AUTHORITY AS THE SONS OF GOD.**

COL. 1:12 giving thanks to the Father **who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.** ¹³ **He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,** ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

II. OPERATING WITHIN OUR AUTHORITY - HIS KINGDOM

2Cor. 10:13 NLT We will not boast about things done outside our **area of authority (KANON)**. We will boast only about what has happened **within the boundaries (METRON)** of the work God has given us, which includes our working with you. ¹⁴ We are **not reaching beyond these boundaries when we claim authority over you**, as if we had never visited you. For we were the first to travel all the way to Corinth with the Good News of Christ.

- A. **THE IMPORTANCE OF TERRITORY - SPHERE (KANON- rule, range or norm) AND SPHERE (METRON- standard of measurement)**

- 1. **WE NOW HAVE A PLACE TO GOVERN. WHAT IS YOUR PLACE?**

JOSH 1:3 *Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you...*

- **NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO STAND AGAINST YOU**
- **BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS**
- **OBSERVE THE LAW - MEDITATE ON IT!**
- **PROSPER WHEREVER YOU GO**

2. DO YOU UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT YOUR RIGHT TO RULE?

3. FALSE HUMILITY WILL DEFER RESPONSIBILITY.
WE ARE CALLED TO BE MATURE SONS- NOT TO STAY AS CHILDREN.

ILLUSTRATION - CARRY SLEEPING CHILDREN INTO THE HOUSE
WHAT IF MY KIDS DIDN'T WANT TO GROW UP?

Gal. 4:1 NIV *What I am saying is that **as long as an heir is underage, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate.***² *The heir is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father.*³ *So also, when we were underage, we were in slavery under the **elemental spiritual forces of the world.*** (ELOHIM?)⁴ *But when the set time had fully come,*^a *God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,*⁵ *to redeem those under the law, that we might receive **adoption to sonship.***⁶ *Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba , Father."*⁷ *So **you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.***

B. WE ARE NOT OUR OWN - WE ARE HIS STEWARDS

1Cor. 6:20 *For you were bought at a price; therefore **glorify God in your body** (WITH YOUR BODY) **and in your spirit,** which are God's.*

- 1. OUR OWN BODY AS BELIEVERS IS OUR TERRITORY- GIVEN TO US TO STEWARD. SAY NO TO SICKNESS!**
- 2. OUR FAMILY IS OUR TERRITORY - GIVEN TO US TO LEAD AND TO COVER. USE LOVE AND CLARITY TO GOVERN**

3. **OUR SPHERE OF INFLUENCE AND RESPONSIBILITY IS OUR TERRITORY GIVEN TO US TO NURTURE AND CULTIVATE. CLAIM WHEREVER YOUR FOOT STEPS FOR THE KINGDOM - NOT ARROGANTLY, WITH HUMILITY**
4. **DOMINION IS NOT CONTROL OR TYRANNY. IT IS RESPONSIBLE RULERSHIP AND AUTHORITY WITH LOVE AND WISDOM. "DOMINION THEOLOGY" - IS BIBLICAL**

Col. 2:8 NLT Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and **from the spiritual powers of this world (ELOHIM)**, rather than from Christ. ⁹ For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. ¹⁰ **So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.** ¹³ You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then **God made you alive with Christ**, for he forgave all our sins. ¹⁴ **He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.** ¹⁵ **In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities.** He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.

5. STAND UP

Eph. 6:10 Finally, my brethren, **be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.** ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² **For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.** ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and **having done all, to stand.**

C. YOU ARE SONS! (NLT attributes passage to MAN and CHRIST)

Heb. 2:5 NLT ... **it is not angels who will control the future world we are talking about.** ⁶ For 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?" ⁷ Yet **for a little while you made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor.** ⁸ **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.**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.¹⁰ 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.

Heb. 2:11 **So 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.

Heb. 2:14 NLT **Because God’s children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood.** For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death.¹⁵ Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

Heb. 2:16 **We also know that the Son did not come to help angels; he came to help the descendants (SEED) of Abraham.**

III. RECONCILIATION IS ABOUT BALANCE - IT IS GRACE (US) AND JUDGEMENT (ELOHIM), not MAKING UP AFTER A FIGHT

Col. 1:15 NLT **Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.**
He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation,¹⁶ for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can’t see—such as **thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world.**

Everything was created through him and for him.¹⁷ **He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.**¹⁸ Christ is also the **head of the church**, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So **he is first in everything.**

¹⁹ For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ,²⁰ **and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ’s blood on the cross.**

GRACE (US) AND JUDGEMENT (ELOHIM) - WE RE-WRITE OUR STORY IN CHRIST