**Truth Sowers Life Group**

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**God’s Secret Kingdom – The Law of Dominion**

**Wisdom:**

**Everything created solves a problem; my eyes see, my ears hear,,,**

**YOU were created to solve a problem. What is it?**

**"The cave you fear to enter holds the treasure that you seek."**

**Introduction:** What is God’s desire for man? Did God make us and then just leave us here to suffer through life’s hardships? What does the Bible say?

NOTE: A lot can be learned by studying the languages that the Bible was written in. The Old Testament was written in Chaldee and Hebrew. The New Testament was written in Greek. If you haven’t had formal training in these languages, you can always use a Strong’s Concordance. Every word in the King James Bible is in the Strong’s Concordance. As you look up the word, next to it will be a number. That number cross references in the back of the Concordance and gives you the original spelling in the original language, the pronunciation and all the ways that word can be translated. The Strong’s Concordance is a necessary study resource for any serious student of the Word of God.

**Genesis 1:26 - 28**

*26Then 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[*[*b*](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+1&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-26b)*] the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” 28Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”*

Make – H6213 Heb. asa. v26 Appoint or give charge of. v27, to make fat.

Dominion – Heb. rada. To subjugate or to rule over.

A literal translation of the Hebrew: “And Elohim commanded and said, ‘Let Us make man, giving him the authority to subjugate and have dominion over all the fish in all the streams, rivers, lakes and oceans; over all the birds in the sky; over all the cattle; over all the earth, including the wilderness and all the cities and nations of this earth and upon every other living thing that walks, creeps or crawls upon this earth.’”

1. God started out by creating the earth and then giving dominion to man.
   1. Dominion was lost in the fall.
   2. The “Age of Innocence” lasted less than Seven days because we never see Adam and Eve taking a day of rest.
   3. It is hard to even imagine how much was lost in the FALL.
      1. The earth began to produce thorns and poisonous plants.
      2. Animals became vicious.
      3. Pain was added to childbirth.
      4. From that moment on, serpents had to crawl on their bellies.
      5. Sin and sickness came into the earth.
      6. Man became head of the woman.
      7. Death came as a result of the curse.
      8. Man would have labor in the fields to survive.

From the Dake’s Annotated Reference Bible concerning **Genesis 3:19 -**

*In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.*

**Man's Curse**

**This foretells the hard labor which man would endure under the conditions of the curse. The very elements would be adverse, making him suffer for his sin. Hard labor would break him down physically, finally resulting in his death** (Eccles. 3:20; Eccles. 12:7; Psalm 103:14; 1 Cor. 15:21-28). **Deserts, barrenness, weeds, poisons, germs and every other form of curse were to add to man's punishment until he would finally return to the cursed ground himself. The planets were affected so that weather conditions would become a problem** (Isaiah 30:26; Isaiah 35:1-8; Rev. 7:16). **Until the final restoration of all things, man's whole existence was to be one of constant hardships, sufferings, and trials** (Genesis 31:42; Genesis 35:16; Psalm 90:10; Psalm 107:12; Eccles. 1:8; Eccles. 2:18; Eccles. 4:8; Matthew 11:28; James 5:4**). In the New Earth there will be no more curse. Everything will be as it was before Lucifer's rebellion in the pre-Adamite world, and before man's rebellion in the Adamite world** (Acts 3:21; Rev. 22:3). **Christ's purpose in the millennial reign will be to rid the earth of all rebellion and curse so that man can carry out his original assignment of helping God administer the affairs of the universe** (1 Cor. 15:24-28; Ephes. 1:10; Rev. 20-22).

1. Jesus came to restore us to that place we were before the Curse of the law!
   1. Why is it we still live in despair, defeat, sickness and disease?
   2. **Hosea 4:6**

*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.*

* 1. The Kingdom of God is “AT HAND!”
     1. We must realize God’s Kingdome is HERE, NOW!
     2. We must realize we have been restored to what Adam was before the fall!
     3. We must realize the REALITY of the Kingdom.
     4. We must realize the AVAILABILITY of the Kingdom.
     5. Then we must ACT!
        1. We must reach into the Kingdom and take what we need.
        2. Live boldly!

Hebrews 4:16

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

* 1. We are God’s surrogate on this earth!
     1. We need to act like it!
     2. Walk with authority!

1. The Gates of Hell will NOT prevail against the church!
   1. Matthew 16:18

Now I say to you that you are Peter **(Grk G4074 petros – a piece of rock)** (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock **(Grk 4073 petra – a mass of rock)** I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.

* + 1. Jesus was not telling Peter that the church would be built on him.
    2. The Church would be built on Jesus, the WORD of GOD!
  1. As individual members of the Church, Satan can defeat you when,
     1. You don’t know the Word (lack of knowledge).
     2. When you don’t act on the Word.
  2. God wants you to WALK IN VICTORY in every area of your life.
     1. The ATONEMENT was to bring you back to the place that Adam was with God before the FALL.
     2. You are in RIGHT STANDING with God the Father now.
     3. God does not REMEMBER your sins any longer.

1. We must **SUBDUE** the earth.
   1. Subdue – Gen. 1:28 – Heb. Kabash – tread down, force, bring into subjection.
   2. Our first word for “dominion” – rada: God gives man authority to govern all that is willing to be governed.
   3. In our second word for “subdue” – kabash: God grants man authority over the untamed and the rebellious.
   4. In both instances God gave man a “sweeping and total mandate of dominion over this planet and everything in it.”
2. God intended man to govern the earth as man was governed by God.
   1. Instead man wants to govern without being governed by God.
   2. Man wanted to be “Like God” without submitting to God’s authority.
      1. Who does this sound like? Satan!
   3. Adam and Eve were given dominion over SERPENTS.
      1. They did not use that authority or dominion.
      2. The “LAW OF USE” says that if you don’t use what you have it will be taken from you.
      3. Since then Satan has been using that dominion over mankind.
      4. Adam GAVE that authority and dominion to Satan.
3. Dominion has been restored to Born Again Believers.
   1. By not understanding the Law of Dominion we have violated the Law of Responsibility.
   2. How will we treat the earth and all the things in it when we KNOW the LAW OF DOMINION?
      1. Will we treat things differently?
         1. We will take authority over Satan.
         2. We will treat people like God would treat them.
         3. We will treat our animals like God would treat them.
         4. We will rule the world like God would rule the world.
4. The World is flipped upside down as we have talked about before.
   1. Man was given dominion over plants, fruits and vegetables.
   2. Plants have taken dominion over mankind.
      1. Tobacco and its addiction.
      2. Marijuana and other plant based drugs, etc.
      3. Alcohol from plants.
      4. These things control people.
      5. Satan uses substance abuse to cause people to do horrible things.
   3. As a result of judgment, storms and natural disasters fall on nations.
      1. We can even have dominion over storms as Jesus did.

**Mark 4:39**

He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

* + 1. As a nation falls from God, natural disasters increase.
       1. Just the opposite is true too. As we draw close to God, natural disasters will start to taper off and cease.
       2. Enemies become bolder. As we draw close to God, He will put fear in our enemies and keep us safe.

1. Power comes with Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Luke 9:1, 2**

*When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, 2and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.*

1. These were “unsaved” men, yet Christ granted them power.
2. Authority goes hand in hand with proclamation of the Gospel of Christ!
3. **Luke 10:19**

*I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.*

1. The Seventy had just returned and Jesus was speaking to them.
2. Much like the LAW OF MIRACLES, THE LAW OF DOMINION works by our voicing it!
   1. We need to speak to situations.
   2. There is much power in our tongue!
   3. We speak our authority over Satan.
   4. When he tries to put doubt or deceit in our heads, we speak to him and tell him he’s a liar.
3. Take the armor of the Lord and walk in your DOMINION!

**Ephesians 6:10-18**

*12For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.*

**Conclusion:** This concludes our series on THE SECRET KINGDOM. It is my hope that you have grown in the Lord and in the knowledge of His Word through this study. Let me encourage you to go back and look over the outlines and listen to the recordings of the lessons. If you have questions, please let me know and we can try to find an answer.

In this study, we spoke about the Kingdom of God that is available and accessible to those of us who trust in Christ. Jesus spent most of his time on earth speaking about this Kingdom and teaching us about it. The Kingdom of God is “right here”. It is not far away and hard to access. When we need something, we reach into the Kingdom and take what we need. We don’t have to wait until we get to Heaven; all good things are available NOW! The invisible world is just as real as the visible.

In this series, we went through the laws that govern God’s Kingdom. They are:

The Law of Reciprocity, Use, Perseverance, Responsibility, Greatness, Unity, Miracles and Dominion.

If you learn to walk in God’s precepts, these laws will work for you just as the law of gravity works. There is no reason that any Christian should be living in defeat on this earth. And they won’t have to walk in defeat if they will walk in the Spirit!