

# From Genesis to the Cross

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# In the Beginning.....

**Genesis 1:1 (AMP)** *In the beginning God ([<sup>a</sup>Elohim]) [<sup>b</sup>created [by forming from nothing] the heavens and the earth.*

- *God created the heavens (the invisible realm) and his invisible Kingdom where he resides.*
- *God established his Kingdom in the Heavens, the unseen realm where the angels are, and this is where his throne is.*

# Why Create the Earth?

***1 John 4:8 – Tells us God is love. (Love has a desire to share)***

- *God wanted to share himself and his creation with a being that could relate to him.*
- *God wanted a family of sons and daughters.*
- *To fulfill love you must have an object of love that you can relate too.*
- *God wanted to extend his invisible Kingdom into the natural world through visible creatures.*

# Creation of Mankind

**Genesis 1:26 (NKJV)** 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.”

- **Man** – an eternal spirit, made from Gods own spirit.
- **in Our image** – since God is spirit, man is spirit, to be made in Gods image is to pattern his Characteristics, Nature and Qualities to act like him.
- **according to Our likeness**- Meaning this creature will function like God functions.
- **Let them** – God transfers the authority of the earth to Mankind. (**Note: Once Gods speaks, he cannot reverse what he said.**)
- **have dominion** – authority, Kingdom, rulership, management

# **God's Sovereignty Man's Dominion**

***Psalms 115:16 – The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's; But the earth He has given to the children of men.***

- Sovereignty - complete authority over a certain territory
- God is sovereign over all creation meaning he owns all creation.

## ***Landlord analogy***

- Just like a landlord rents his properties to renters.
- So, God rented out the earth to man. He owns the earth we are just in charge.
- God can't violate his own word, so when He gave men dominion, He gave them the right to choose how to rule.
- God wanted to partner with us in ruling the earth.

# Mans Assignment:

- *The Garden of Eden was not the whole earth. Adam's mission was to spread the Garden of Eden to the whole earth. This is why God formed him outside of the Garden and put him in the Garden.*
- *The Bible says he put man (Adam) in the Garden of Eden to tend and keep it.*
- **Tend** – Awbad- (aw-bad) *To work, serve, labor, worship*
- **Keep It** – (shaw-mar') - *to hedge about, guard, to protect, attend to*
- *Eden represent God's presence.*
- *God put in Adam in his presence to work, cultivate, worship and protect the presence of God.*

# ***The rebellion of Adam, the fall of man, the curse***

**Satan – An angelic rebel who is opposed to God and his creation**

- *Darkness is the evil cohort of rebellious spiritual being bent in undermining Gods creation.*

**Results of the fall:**

- *Dominant Negative Emotions – Pride, Anger, Fear, Shame, Guilt, Jealousy, Envy.*
- *Lost Knowledge of God – The Loss of the true perception of God.*
- *Spiritual Death – separation from God, loss of the presence of God.*

# What is Sin?

## ***Sin definition:***

- *Rebellion against the known will of God*
- *The failure of man to measure up to God's perfect standard of righteousness, whether in thought, word or deed.*
- *Because of Adams sin we are in a fallen state of natural rebellion towards God*

***Romans 5:12 (NKJV)*** *Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—*

- *Adam sin is like a Genetic defect that he passed to all his seed.*

# **Satan attempt at authority**

- *Satan is clever, and he knows that since he is a spiritual being legally, he has no dominion on earth.*
- *But he does understand that if he can manipulate Adam and Eve to rebel against God, then he could steal Adam's dominion that God gave to him and set up his own Kingdom, the Kingdom of Darkness.*
- *Satan is power hungry, so he wasn't only interested in getting us to sin he was interested in the dominion GOD gave us.*

# Curses:

- **Genesis 3:14(NKJV)** *"14 The Lord God said to the serpent,*
- *"Because you have done this,  
You are cursed more than all the cattle,  
And more than any animal of the field;  
On your belly you shall go,  
And dust you shall eat  
All the days of your life.*
- *Because of the serpent's partnership with Darkness, it was cursed  
to slither on its belly*

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- **Genesis 3:15 (NKJV)** *And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.”*
- *The word enmity is hostility, so here God prophesies a natural hostility towards Satan and Mankind.*
- *God speaks concerning a battle between the seeds of the woman and Satan himself.*
- *This seed, in the last sentence, speaks of one who will redeem mankind and destroy the works of the devil.*
- *The first messianic prophecy which we now know is King Jesus*
- *Also, it prophesies the virgin birth because women don't have seeds*

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- **Genesis 3:16 (NKJV)** *To the woman He said: “I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you.*
- *Also, sorrowful circumstances were part of the curse for women.*
- *Historically, women have been oppressed and seen as lesser than men.*
- **The Hebrew word for sorrowfulness is worrisomeness,**
- *Women’s emotional vulnerability is rooted in the curse.*
- *The blessing of childbearing is now a curse as it will be painful*

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## **Mans Curse:**

- **Genesis 3:17-19 (NKJV)** When God speaks to Adam, he speaks to all of Mankind, man and woman. <sup>17</sup> Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’: “Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil, you shall eat of it All the days of your life <sup>18</sup> Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field. <sup>19</sup> In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return.”
- What we had dominion over now we have become slaves too
- Because of Mankind’s fall, the ground that naturally produced sustainment for life would now have to be worked and cultivated with Labor.