

Crown Her a King™

Restoring God's Glory to the Bride of Christ

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SESSION 7: *Taking Dominion*

CLASS NOTES

Joan of Arc: A 15th century pious young girl who heard heavenly voices, believed them, rallied the army, united the nation, drove out the enemy, and installed the rightful king on the throne. – THAT IS OUR MANDATE AS A CHURCH!

Where is the Kingdom?

- **It's not far off! It is at hand!** (Matt 3:2, 4:17, **10:6-8** and Mark 1:15)
- 2 Kings 6:16-17 – Elisha's servant's eyes opened to see greater reality
- God's **kingdom is within us** (**Luke 17:20-21**): within = *entos* which means inside, inside of cup vs outside (Matt 23:26)

Jesus released the KINGDOM of HEAVEN everywhere He went. It was HIS REALITY.

- He was in touch with the FATHER and partnered with HIM (listen and believed, then acted)
- Miracles started after His baptism and testing in the wilderness. Holy Spirit empowers
- **Matt 9:35, He taught the Gospel of the Kingdom with signs and wonders**
- He was the same whether with sinners or saints, the weak or the powerful ... the prostitute or the high priest, the leper or Pilate

Original mandate in the Garden – plan has not changed

- Garden – something different—something other than rest of creation
 - His Presence... His Kingdom on earth
- Back to original plan of ONENESS WITH HIM and with each other. Gen 1:26-28 – our purpose = fellowship and dominion WITH HIM -- Together, side by side. **plural unity**
- **How did God rule the Garden?** By force? By manipulation? By demanding His will?
 - Taught us to create, nurture, procreate, love, offer choice, sacrifice
- OT: God always talking about LAND and DECENDANTS: **dominion and family**
 - **With each other, not OVER each other!**
 - **First with Adam & Eve, then Noah & family, then nation of Israel, now Church**
 - **Same plan... establish His Kingdom through a people of His Own**
 - In Garden: Living out of their heart, they did not have to be covered or have anything on their flesh that protected or exalted them.
 - **They could be themselves around each other. TRUST, HONOR, LOVE...**
- Free people are just that – free.

- I do not have to trust, to honor, or to love unconditionally. If it is forced or demanded, then it can never be freely given.
- My actions should not be dependent upon your actions; they should be dependent upon my character.

How do you GOVERN a FREE people? How do you lead a volunteer army?

- Cannot use force, manipulation or control: That's the wrong kingdom!
- Folks must have a voice, we must walk in honor toward each other
- We must trust the Holy Spirit in others.
- Adam & Eve agreed with a lie, a STUPID THOUGHT (questioned God's love, His warning...) but they were free to do so.
 - THEY MADE AGREEMENT WITH A FEARFUL THOUGHT... "WHAT IF?"
 - FEAR CASTS OUT PERFECT LOVE....

AT THE FALL OUR DOMINION BECAME TWISTED... MISPLACED

What happened? They forgot who they were. Eve allowed the enemy to influence her thinking, and then she acted upon it. (If you want to be like God, do something in the flesh.) Adam did also. THEN BOTH of their eyes were opened... knew good and evil. – Started self-protecting, blaming, turning on each other. FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE: Her desire would be for him, but he would rule over her

- "Desire," same as Gen 4:7 – sin's desire to master or control.
 - wanting to dominate each other rather than the earth and the enemy
 - now naked (without, helpless) – fleshly effort to cover with fig leaves, God covered them with animal skin

We allowed the enemy access by AGREEMENT!!!

- I was taught we LOST our dominion, but we didn't fully... we lost our identity
- God chooses to work through man, the enemy must through man
- EVEN IN FALLEN WORLD, MAN STILL HAS DOMINION (whether saved or not)
- **Psalm 8** – same mandate to rule (after fall & before the cross)

WHY DOES THE ENEMY WIN? WHY AREN'T THINGS ON EARTH AS THEY ARE IN HEAVEN???

- Enemy gained power and legal access at the fall... but he always needs our AGREEMENT... our permission. He did then, and he still does now.
- Psalm 115:16, The heavens are the heavens of the LORD, But the earth He has given to the sons of men.
- **Because WE ALLOW them to be** (BOTH IN OUR everyday life – and in battling to save the world)
 - Prov 16:32B, he who rules his spirit, [is mightier] than he who captures a city.
 - Prov 25:28 ²⁸Like a city that is broken into and without wall Is a man who has no control over his spirit.

WHAT'S THE KEY? -- FIRST TAKE DOMINION OVER WHO? -- YOURSELF!!

- Jesus did not give into temptation.... Even the temptation of dying on the cross for us!! **He ruled himself**, and showed us how to manage our dominion – how to establish the Kingdom of Heaven on earth – *through our heart*
- John 30:25-31, ³⁰I will not speak much more with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and **he has nothing in Me**; ³¹ but so that the world may know that I love the Father, do exactly as the Father commanded Me. That “ruler” (satan) had to have his agreement or some way accessing His heart through sin... but satan had no influence over Jesus. Last Adam gave him no foothold in His life.
- Matthew 28:18-20-- "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore ... ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I commanded you.."
 - Jesus delegated His authority to us.
 - Those **commands**... law? Grace? – NO NO, IT'S DOMINION!!
 - The KINGDOM OF HEAVEN is at hand... it is within you!!
- Who is the battle with? The enemy!! -- Not yourself! You're dead to sin (Rom 6-8). Enemy masquerades as your old man so you chase your own tail like a dog. Selah.

WHERE IS THE BATTLE for DOMINION TAKING PLACE?

- **BATTLE IS IN YOUR HEAD FIRST, THEN IN YOUR ACTIONS!!!**
- Eph 6:11-12 Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.
- **HE COMES AND PLANTS THOUGHTS, JUST LIKE HE DID TO EVE IN THE GARDEN!! – THE BATTLE IS IN YOUR MIND!!**

HOW DO YOU WIN THE FIGHT?? -- HEAR GOD'S VOICE!!!! Obey His thoughts!!!! Then Rule yourself. Battlefield is in the mind... but the ground they are fighting on is YOUR HEART!

- Recognize which Kingdom is trying to get your agreement!
- The struggle: Romans 7:25, Paul said, 'I don't do what I want to do – there is a battle within me. So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin'. (Mind, thoughts/feelings = inside, flesh – that which can be stripped off the bone = outside)
- 2 Cor 10:3-5 ³For walking in flesh, we do not war according to flesh. ⁴For the arms of our warfare [are] not fleshly, but powerful according to God to [the] **overthrow of strongholds**; ⁵overthrowing **reasonings** and every high thing (or imaginations) that lifts itself up against the knowledge of God, and **leading captive every thought** into the obedience of the Christ;
- Part of Fruit of Spirit (Gal 6) is “self-control”, it's HIS fruit, ask Him to help!
- 2 Cor 12:9-10, And He has said to me, "**My grace is sufficient for you**, for power is perfected in weakness " Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, **so that the power of Christ may dwell in me...**

- **HIS GRACE IS SUFFICIENT. BUT IT'S OUR DECISION. HE'S THERE TO EMPOWER US.**
- **Psalm 119:133 Establish my footsteps in Your word, And do not let any iniquity have dominion over me.** (Gen 4:7, sin wants to master and control you)
- Remember session 2? -- Jesus said His Kingdom was not of this world order – this realm. Not a pyramid. Lift others up, not rule over. Plus, Kingdom is inside you; flows from the inside out.

TO SAVE THE WORLD... IT'S GONNA TAKE US JOINING TOGETHER AS ONE!

with HIM and with EACH OTHER! – Back to the original plan in the Garden.

- Imagine a radical army of believers, ALL loving and walking in honor... not seeking their own... in full control of their flesh! ☺ Powerful and pure.
- Just imagine! The CHURCH filled with God, yielding to Him!
- Gen 11:6 The LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they all have the same language. And this is what they began to do, and now nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them. (amplified: "**and now nothing they have imagined they can do will be impossible for them**") – those folks did it for evil purposes, exalting themselves like Lucifer did in heaven. But the fact that "NOTHING WHICH WE PURPOSE TO DO WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR US" is true – IMAGINE IF WE UNITED FOR GOOD. IMAGINE IF WE PURPOSED TOGETHER TO BUILD HIS KINGDOM!
- **Jesus' prayer in John 17 that we be ONE! ... WITH HIM, with EACH OTHER**
- 1 Cor. 6:17, **But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit with Him.**
- WE ACCESS the Kingdom BY LOVE... which means we trust him, we honor him....
- And live by that love in ALL OUR CIRCUMSTANCES. We can be a king anywhere.

Which Kingdom are you partnering with at any given moment? Are we influencing the world around us? Or is the world influencing us?

- We can train ourselves to operate in one domain or the other
- PRESSURE releases what's inside! (If chaldean or dark, get it out!)
 - When you will be embarrassed by the truth, do you lie?
 - When you have an opportunity to steal, or fudge taxes.... PURITY MATTERS
- Remind ourselves: "Wrong kingdom" or "Right kingdom"

Having Kingdom manifestations is natural – should just be part of life

- Mark 4:26-29, And He was saying, "**The kingdom of God is like** a man who casts seed upon the soil; ... (it grew and he knew not how, then came the harvest)
- Eph 3:14-21 – Key vs. 20, ²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, **according to the power that works within us**
- John 14:12, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and **greater works** than these he will do; because I go to the Father
- **HERE IS THE GOOD NEWS... MATT 13:33; The Kingdom of Heaven is like leaven. Once we get this ball rolling, it's gonna leaven the whole lump.** His banner over us is love... and love wins!