

FAITH & AUTHORITY

The Significance Of Man

I. Why were you created? – You were created to rule, to reign, to have dominion on the Earth

A. Psalm 8:3-6-God made man to have dominion over the works of His hands

1. God made man a little lower than himself (not angels)
 - a. Hebrews 1:14-Angels are ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for the heirs of salvation
2. Crowned with glory and honor – Kings wear crowns
3. God created the Earth then he created the man with the purpose of that man having dominion over it
4. Genesis 1:26- When God created man his mandate to man to have dominion over all the Earth and bring it into subjection

B. Did Adam really have authority?

1. Luke 4:6-Satan had authority over all the Earth
 - a. If Satan was lying and didn't have this authority then this wouldn't have been a temptation to Jesus
 - b. That authority was delivered to him by Adam
2. 2 Corinthians 4:4-The god of this world was Adam before it was Satan

C. When God created man his mandate to man was not to serve him, was not to love him, was not worship him, but it has to have dominion over all the Earth and bring it into subjection; The enemy through religion has taught the church that they were created to serve God, to worship God, to bring God glory in attempt to distract man from this dominion mandate and to keep man from seeing just how much authority he really has

1. When God was thinking about his creation when it came to man he didn't think to himself I'm going to create a man who will serve me, worship me and bring me glory-(1Cor13:5-Love doesn't seek His own)
 - a. Things you do after you are created and the reason why you were created are different things
 - b. Acts 17:24-28-God didn't create people so that somebody would love him, serve him, and bless him; he created people so that he would have somebody to love, serve, and bless
 - c. **Your assignment in the Earth and reason for being here is to have dominion not that other stuff**
2. God didn't create you to bring him glory-You will bring him glory, but that's not the sole purpose for you being created (**Isaiah 43:7**-*Even everyone that is called by my name; for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yeah I have made him.*)
 - a. I created him for my glory and I created him to bring me glory are two different things

- 1) Glory-Honor, Abundance, Riches, Splendor
- 2) God created man for his riches, for his splendor, for his honor; to share those things with man; He created man so that his glory, riches, and splendor would have a place to rest-John 17:22
 - b. John 15:7-God is glorified when his people are abundantly prosperous
3. God didn't create you to worship him; You will worship him, but that's not his sole purpose for creation (**Psalm 102:18**-*This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the Lord*)
 - a. The people who are created will praise him, but that's not why they were created
4. God didn't create you to serve him; You will serve him, but that wasn't his sole purpose for creation (**Isaiah 43:21**-*This people have I formed for myself; they shall show forth my praise*)
 - a. Religion reads that and says see, "God created us for himself, to serve him, to love him, to worship him." God said these are my people I'm going to bless them, prosper them, honor them and they will show forth my praise because of it.

II. There's this attempt by the enemy through the religious man to make man insignificant because if Satan can get you to see yourself as some little, small, insignificant, unholy, unrighteous being you'll never exercise your authority

- A. Psalm 8:3-4-The Bible makes man significant, not insignificant
 1. He's thinking about the greatness of God's creation and he says God you are so great that you could create all of these marvelous things and in your greatness what is man that you the great God is mindful of him
 2. Zechariah 2:8-You are the apple of his eye
 3. Luke 12:7-The hairs on your head God has numbered
- B. We are the body of Christ-Ephesians 1:19-21
 1. The same power that God used when he raised Jesus from the dead is on the inside of me so how can I be some little insignificant man
 2. He set Jesus far above all other dominion and I'm part of that body so it's under my dominion; so how can I be some little insignificant man
 - a. If you're in the Body of Christ all names and all dominions are under you
 - b. I'm part of Jesus' body and all of that stuff is under my feet
 - c. I can do something about the problems
 3. Your head and your body don't carry two different names and authorities; If you're name is Bill Smith, your head is not named Bill Jones and your body named Bill Smith; Your Bill Smith from the top to the bottom
 - a. Nobody ever said look there comes Matthew Allaria and his body

- b. When you try to make me insignificant in light of God's plan on the Earth you are dishonoring the Body of Christ of which I am
- 4. His body is the fullness of him; Jesus as a head without a body would not be complete
 - a. Jesus said there has never been a prophet born greater than John the Baptist, but he that is least in the Kingdom of God is greater than John the Baptist; The least, tiniest, most insignificant born again child of God is in the Body of Christ and that person has greater standing with God than the greatest prophet born in the Old Covenant
- C. **Colossians 2:6-10-We are in him and he is in us; That means the fullness of all the Godhead is residing not only in me, but in us collectively; No wonder that John would say, "Greater is he is that is in me, than he that is in the world."**
 - 1. 1 Corinthians 6:17-20-Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost and there is dwelling within you the fullness of the godhead bodily
 - 2. You get to thinking about that and getting God-inside minded and fullness of God in me minded and authority with Jesus-minded