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Week 3: Prayer: Having the Conversation

Sequence of Power: WHERE ARE WE, HOW DID WE GET HERE, AND WHATS TO COME?

Sequence of Biblical Events: the flow of the power/authority/dominion...not exhaustive ☺
Important for us to understand so we can know how to respond & what resources we have been given for that response.

IN THE BEGINNING, GOD: Genesis 1

GOD-Sovereign, Beneficent Potentate → Always was, Always is, Always will be. All power, all authority. Complete in Himself. Good.

God has DOMINION: All Power & All Authority

→GOD creates: Genesis 1

- { The Heavens: spiritual world: angels, cherubim, seraphim, etc
- { The Earth: natural world-light/dark, water/land, etc
- { Animal life: on the earth, in the water, & in the skies

→Rebellion in Heaven-Lucifer & 1/3 of the angels are cast from heaven to earth when Lucifer sinned by wanting to be worshipped as God. *Satan tried to use his power to take dominion and failed.* [It is unclear when Hell was created--before this or at this point as this is the ultimate place they will be sent to for eternity for their rebellion. Hell was created for these beings, not humankind.] Isaiah 14:12

→GOD creates Humankind: Genesis 1:26-27

God delegates dominion to Mankind. Gen 1:26 "let them have dominion." Gen 1:28

- > Adam is created: Gen 2:7
 - Begins relationship with God, being together is normal. God places Adam in the garden and gives him the charge to tend & keep it. Genesis 2
 - Both of these charges must have been needful in order for the directive to be given, so we see here that God was initiating protective measures that depend upon Adam's obedience even though He did not offer any explanation as to WHY Adam needed to obey in these ways.
- > God says it is not good that man should be alone. I will create a helper suitable to him. Gen 2:18
 - Adam begins naming the animals. Recognizes he has no complement or other as the animals do. We're not told how Adam feels about that fact.
- > After causing a deep sleep to come upon Adam, God takes a rib from his side & Eve is formed. Gen 2:21

→Satan is in the garden and attempts to reframe to Eve the reality and truth as God presented it to Adam. *Just as Satan used his power to attempt to take authority in heaven, he is tempting Eve to do the same.*

Adam is present with them both during this conversation. Note that Adam offers no challenge to Satan being in the garden nor does he challenge the falsehoods that are being presented to Eve. [The serpent is identified as Satan in Rev 12.9]

Satan has the discussion with Eve. She was not present at the original discussion that God had with Adam to protect and tend, so she didn't hear these instructions for herself, which is to say they must have been relayed. Regardless, she adds to the charge given by God saying "nor shall you touch it" Gen 3:2

→Eve evaluates, eats, and presents to Adam, who eats. [Eve is deceived by the enemy and uses her power to act. Adam is not deceived and acts anyway in disobedience to God.] Gen 3:6



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Dominion shifts from Mankind to Satan Gen 3:6-7

→ **Immediately** dominion for the Heavens and Earth shifts to Satan with sin's entry into Adam, Eve, and all of creation. Everything of their delegated reign has been lost. Satan has now been exalted to being the prince of the power of the air. [Creation itself groans, is subjected to futility. Romans 8:18-22]

- Also, **immediately** humankind has no ability to restore their relationship with God. Humankind handed over God's delegated authority to Satan and he is not giving it up *unless made to do so*.

→ God comes to the Garden: Genesis 3:8

- His questions lead Adam and Eve to reveal their state to Him
- He then pronounces the consequences for each party-**The Curse** from Sin has now entered creation.
 - Satan is cursed Gen 3:14
 - The earth is cursed Gen 3:17
 - God pronounces consequences on Adam & Eve. Impacted by the curse but not directly cursed. *Is it possible that the curse began instantly when Adam & Eve engaged in sin and God pronounces it at the discussion? Scripture announces the curse at this discussion only.

→ The Trinity provides a way of restoration. Only a sinless **human** can pay the price to remove sins hold.

The Father gives His son. The Son willingly lays down His divine attributes to be the sacrifice. The Holy Spirit empowers Jesus while in His state of humanity to be able to make sin-free choices to fulfil Their plan of hope and restoration.

→ Jesus' **death, burial, resurrection** pay the price for the sin of humankind, which breaks the power of sin's curse. The Atonement.

→ Jesus' **ascension** to the right hand of the Father restores Him to His rightful place of **dominion**. [He is exalted to] Scripture notes that Jesus is seated which indicates the "work" is finished or completed. Matthew 28: 18 **And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.** With this action, He has "legally" defeated Satan's dominion over mankind and creation but the enemy is allowed to act upon creation and humanity until his final judgement when he will be cast into the lake of fire.

Jesus used His power to reclaimed *authority*. Dominion shifts to Jesus.

Satan has power, no authority.

→ The SALVATION EQUATION.

The Salvation Equation: {Grace > Atonement} Man can now respond: + **Repentance** + **Faith** → (and God answers) **Conversion** + **Regeneration** + **Justification** + **Adoption** → **Sanctification** [©Pr. Orleen Haseltine]
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Mankind does not have dominion over creation but because of Jesus, those who love Him now have power and authority to transact in the supernatural realm thus impacting the natural realm.



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→Humankind can now CHOOSE their PERSONAL redemption with God because of the way He made available & common grace.

Note: The redemption that Jesus accomplished & has made available to humankind is a PERSONAL redemption, not currently a GLOBAL redemption. The heavens and earth are still subject to the enemy-he remains the prince of the power of the air even though the way of rescue has been made for humankind. We remain living in enemy territory.

→Those who believe in Jesus: Because of what Jesus accomplished in His death, burial, resurrection, and ascension, when we *embrace/accept* His sacrifice on our own behalf and willingly submit ourselves to His rule and reign, we are instantly saved, instantly legally in right standing with God [Instant Sanctification.] We begin the process of becoming who He created us to be, as the power of the curse that came as a result of the Fall of Humankind has been broken on our behalf. Thus, we are in a Progressive Sanctification process, learning to live and transact His character through us by using the gifts and abilities He makes available to us by the Holy Spirit. Note that the curse' impact on humanity who hasn't embraced the reconciliation through Jesus and His restoration remains in effect. It also remains in effect for the created world. Some of its components remain, i.e. difficulty in childbirth, difficulty of the ground to yield to tending...

→ Those who do NOT believe in Jesus: remain blinded by the enemy to God reality and their sinful, separated state of remaining alive under the Curse of sin. Being lied to, robbed from, killed, destroyed by enemy forces. 2 Cor 4:3

→**WE ARE HERE:** The Church Age

→What is God doing?

- God is available to humankind for restoration of their relationship to Him through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- He is longsuffering, not willing that any should perish. 2 Peter 3:9

→What is humankind doing?

- *Redeemed humankind has been charged to share* [compelled by love] the truth and hope of salvation/freedom, etc that is available in Jesus now and in eternity. There is NO other hope.
- Because of Jesus' death, burial, resurrection, and ascension, Christians are now empowered by the Holy Spirit to transact Jesus' power and authority on His behalf.
- Unredeemed humankind remain trapped, blinded by the enemy and without hope on their own.

→What is the enemy doing?

This applies to all humankind-we are bearing the image of God and Satan hates humankind whether they love Jesus yet or not.

- Leading an army of evil angels who are charged with the destruction of humankind.
- Masquerading as an angel of light seeking whom he may devour. 2 Cor 11:14
- Prowling around looking for any entrance through weakness. He has observed humankind & knows what ploys against us usually work. 1 Peter 5:8
- He lies, is the Father of lies, fosters division, enmity, robs, kills, destroys, misrepresents. John. 8:44



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The following will begin on a day that only the Father knows:

SIMULTANEOUSLY:

FOR THE REDEEMED:

→The Rapture:

- the dead in Christ will rise first then we who love Jesus will meet them in the air. We are going to Him. 1 Thess 4
 - Judgement seat of Christ: Believers works are judged and award given or withheld based on those.
 - Wedding supper: Believers have a celebratory dinner with Jesus. The opportunity to cast crowns to Him. Rev 4:10, Rev 19:6

FOR THE UNREDEEMED:

- The Holy Spirit has been removed from the earth, humankind has only their own wisdom and ability to rely upon. In this timeframe, we will observe the impact that the restraining presence of the Holy Spirit has had.

Then at some point: →

→The Tribulation time period, the Anti-Christ, false prophet, two witnesses who are martyred. Rev 13

→Jesus' 2nd coming: Jesus and the redeemed in heaven come to earth to fight the enemy. Rev 19

→The Battle of Armageddon Rev 16, 19

- Satan defeated, bound in the abyss without the ability to influence humankind for 1000 years, Rev 20:1-3. Once this is battle is completed...→

Having already reclaimed dominion from the enemy with His death, burial, resurrection, & ascension, Jesus now exercises His dominion [power, authority, reign] and removes Satan's power.

→Jesus' Millennial reign as King here on earth begins with the Battle completed which includes the redeemed who have believed in Him throughout history.

→Great White Throne Judgement of the wicked-Satan, evil angels, unredeemed humankind sent to the Lake of Fire for eternity. Rev 20

→Heavens and Earth are destroyed Matthew 24:35

→New heavens and earth are created Rev 21

→We who love and trust Jesus live in "eternity" with God.

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