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Walking in Dominion*

We are all very familiar with the story of creation and the very supreme counsel of God for creating some other species to help him do the work of running the world that He has created.

In Genesis 1: 26-31 (Read), He emphasized the need for the creation of man. The man created then was the generic man who included the man and woman. I can assume that when we rise in glory that is the kind of man we are going to be. It was a man that had dominion over what God and the Supreme Council in heaven created. The story would have been better if it ended up there. This man was to have dominion over the work that God made him superintend thereof. The man that was created was both in the image and likeness of God. That was what the Psalmist described in Ps.8: 3-8.

The word dominion is defined by *The New Webster's Dictionary of the English Language*: sovereignty, supreme authority, the right of possession and historically, the land belonging to a feudal landlord. What this means is that God created the world and then appointed the earthly overlords to handle and to tend what He has created.

We lost it at shortly through the disobedience of Adam and Eve and then that power, that dominion was therefore take over by the demon. The title of authority was taken over by another overlord, which is Satan.

The plan of salvation was announced by God in Genesis 3:15 and Jesus came to fulfill that. Looking at Isaiah 7: 6-7; 11:1-5, it is clear that all the authority that the first Adam lost was what was confirmed on the second Adam.

It should be emphasized that the entire message of Jesus when He was here was to educate those who listened to him about the Kingdom. He was kingdom-focused because that was what we lost. He came that on earth the Kingdom of God be established here on earth because that was what the devil stole from us. That was the focal point of His message. That was what he came for.

The devil came again as is normally his trick and his action plan John 10:10 underscore his entire game plan, which is to steal by subtlety, to kill by poisoning and destroy by making what is good bad. Therefore, he attempted to steal again in Luke 4:1-13 particularly in verses 6-7. No wonder Jesus said in the book of John 14:30: "Hereafter, I

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will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world comes and he has nothing in me.” Jesus finally won the battle in Calvary.

Eph. 4: 7-10 made it clear the essence of the pain and the battle that Jesus won for us. He also restored to us the dominion. Eph. 1: 17 – 21.

Our dominion is multiple folds:

1. Dominion over death - Roman 6:9
2. Dominion over sin - - Rom. 6:14
3. Dominion over the law – Rom 7: 1, 6. What kind of law are we talking about? It - is the law of sin and death - Rom. 8:1-2.
4. Total dominion – over sickness, over poverty and over every works of the devil – Col. 1: 15- 19.

The ultimate counsel of God and the reason Jesus brought the restoration is to achieve the overarching will of God: Eph. 2:1-7.

God expects us to walk in victory and to exercise our power and authority over his creation. He has freely given all these things to us and he has crowned us with glory and honour. Enjoy that right and dominate in the name of Jesus.