

# Covenant of Creation

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Genesis 1:26-28 [NKJV]

*26 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." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."*

## 1. Covenant of Creation

Genesis chapter 1 is a record of God's creation work. During the first five days God brought in light and order to the earth, which was in darkness and confusion. Then, He made the land and the ocean, and created animals and plants to inhabit therein. On the sixth day, as we can read in the quoted verses above, God created Man (Adam) and gave him the mission to rule and manage all God's creation. God created man as the most special creature above all others and gave him a special mission. The covenantal relationship, which came in between God and man through God's creation work can be explained in the following points. I hope that through this study you come to have a right view on what our mission is, what covenantal relationship man came to have with God. When we understand these correctly, then we may come into a place of right spirit and attitude toward God.

### A. Man Created in God's Image

We humans were created by God the Creator. We are His product of creation. We are the most supreme creature God made because we were created 'in God's image and likeness.' Three times in the verses above we read that God made Adam in His image and according to His likeness. The plan to make man in God's image had been consulted among the three persons of Triune Godhead before the creation. It is recorded, "Let us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness."

In Genesis chapter 1 the name of God is recorded as 'Elohim' in Hebrew 32 times and hundreds of times in all chapters of Genesis. Elohim is a plural Hebrew word, where the numbers in the Hebrew language can be singular, dual or plural. On the other hand, all verbs and adjectives associated with Elohim are singular in number without variation. This signifies that Triune Godhead, consisting of the three persons of God the Father, God the Son, and Holy Spirit, is one in essence. These three persons of Godhead consulted together as to how to form the human before creation, that is, "in Our image according to Our likeness." This was a divine plan prepared before commencement of God's creative work.

This declaration by God about man's special creation plan is a definitive proof that shatters the false theory of evolution that tries to fool us that we have evolved from the simple-cell amoeba to monkeys, then to humans. This declaration is from God's own mouth and no one can deny it. We humans have been created as a very special creature that is intellectually designed to understand God, to communicate with God and to have the divine likeness as sons and daughters of God's great family.

*[Psalm 100:3] Know that the Lord, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.*

We humans are borne as spiritual persons with a mind that is capable of understanding spiritual beings and a heart that can accommodate the character, intents and words of God. Let us look into our mind and heart to recognize such wonders of God's creation in us. Then, we ought to come to a place of being humbly grateful for God's marvelous work in us.

Since we have been borne as more special creatures above the angels of God so that we have the potential to inherit God's heavenly riches, we ought to recognize God as our Creator, bow down before Him and worship Him in fear and in holiness. King David expressed the marvel he felt when he pondered over these facts in Psalm 139.

*[Psalm 139: 13-15] For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. 14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. 15 My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.*

Because we have been formed in God's image and likeness, we are born with the capacity to communicate with God. Adam was placed in the Garden of Eden and he had dialogues with God daily while living in it. God had prepared the garden environment with all good things so that it was the best living and working environment for the first couple, Adam and Eve. God was readily available to converse with them daily and they knew well what God wanted them to do and what was prohibited.

*[Genesis 2: 15-17] Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."*

We can read of the dialogues between God and men starting with the first chapter of Genesis throughout the Bible. God has gladly engaged in dialogues with humans, who are His loving creature. We are not made as robots, which act and react as programmed. Rather, we have been created with independent intellectual capacity and ability to make choices. Therefore, God would like humans to come to Him because they want to approach their Creator and to worship Him as such. And for this reason, God made us 'in His image and likeness.' We could not communicate with God as a person talks to another unless we have been created in His image and likeness. Do you have such a relationship with God, conversing with Him daily and knowing Him as your Creator and Savior?

## **B. Mission to Multiply and Govern**

*[Genesis 1:28] Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."*

God gave Adam and Eve the mission to multiply, fill the earth and subdue it. Moreover, He gave them the important calling to have 'dominion' or 'governance' over all living things in the sea, air and land. In fact, we humans received the commission of 'good governors' of the earth from our Creator. Today's world population is approximately 7.9 billion people and is growing at an annual rate of about 1.05%. The world population in the first century is estimated as about 200 million. So, the calling to multiply and fill the earth seems to have been successfully achieved.

Bill Gxtes, one of the richest persons in the present world, spoke at a TED TALKS program on 2/20/2010 about how to reduce the world's production of carbon dioxide. He introduced Population, Services, Efficiency and CO2 per unit of energy as the factors that define the CO2 equation. He claimed, "through new vaccines, health care and reproductive health services we could reduce the population by ten to fifteen percent." Fifteen percent of nine billion will be 1.35 billion, which he seems to target for reduction through vaccines and birth control programs, mostly in poor nations.

This statement is a strong indication that a handful of very powerful and rich people are plotting to go against God's command by scheming to reduce the global population through artificial, so-called 'scientific' methods under the pretext of preventing a coming global catastrophe from global warming. This is a Satanic endeavor that works directly against God's desire of natural human propagation over the face of the earth. Some have indicated that certain organic and/or chemical elements have been designed into the vaccines, including the recent COVID-19 vaccines, which would cause the vaccinated persons to become infertile or to die within a period of time after vaccination. Now, this is an unproven suspicion and hypothesis. However, such a design has already been implemented in genetically-modified mosquitoes for controlling harmful mosquito population in a number of areas of the world, largely thanks to the Gxtes funding. So, it is not far-fetched to think that a similar scheme might have

been used to develop vaccines for human population control. Although such a program may sound logical and rational to the human eye, they are Satanic and against God's will. Lo and behold, we live in an era where Satan and his hosts are in full parade in the avenue of this world.

The world's food shortage problem has largely been due to irrational distribution systems and wrong economic policies of often immoral and corrupt national leaders. On the other hand, the food production capacities of the U.S. and Canada alone can more than feed the entire world population, according to some food policy experts. In other words, God's call 'to multiply and fill the earth' needs to be followed even today. As we fly over the North American continent, we are amazed how vast this continent is with much of the land sparsely occupied. There is lots of unoccupied lands in much of Russia, China, Argentina, Australia and numerous other countries.

Christian people who fear God should take this command of God seriously. Unless a couple is incapable of producing children for health or genetical reasons, Christian families with healthy bodies and economic sufficiency should produce many children so that more God-fearing people occupy sparsely populated areas and spread the truth of God.

### **C. Mission of Good Overseer**

God gave Adam and Eve the calling to conquer and dominate all creatures on the earth. If you fear God as your creator and respect His desires toward His own creation, would you interpret the calling as like "harm the creatures at will to suit your own profit, oppress and kill them for your pleasures and exploit them for your selfish gains?" If you worship God as the Creator who made you, you would naturally have the mind of God and exercise heavenly wisdom and guidance as an agent of the Creator. That is what I mean by 'Good Overseer.'

We humans, however, have harmed much of the natural environments including living plants and creatures without mercy and care, have polluted the oceans, mountains, lakes and rivers severely so that there are rubbish piles everywhere we go, so that much of the fishes are suffocating and dying because of plastic wastes thrown away so carelessly by humans. Fishes, livestock and agricultural products, which were designed by God to be our wholesome food sources, contain deadly chemical substances that cause cancers of all types and other malignancies in human bodies so that hospitals and care facilities all over the world are full of patients suffering from cancers and other difficult diseases. Have we been performing well as 'Good Overseers' of the earth? Or have we neglected and despised God's calling and are suffering from the consequences?

## **2. Repentance on Our Mission**

Although we humans have neglected God's mission given to Adam, God has faithfully been performing His part of the covenant of creation. That is, our Creator has been faithfully caring and providing for His creation in spite of our wanton acts of disregard and destruction. We will look into this aspect of God in later studies. Now is the time, however, that we review the status of how we humans have been negligent in performing our side of the covenant in truthfulness. It would lead us to humility and repentance.

First, many of us have deviated from worshipping God as our Creator. Have you ever seen a plant or animal that expresses defiance toward God? When the nature roars such as when a lightning flashes or roaring ocean waves crash onto shores in great powers, all animals nearby take refuge and keep quiet because they fear their Creator. We humans, however, have fallen into Satan's subtle persuasion that we can become like gods and don't have to fear God. Being proud of the remarkable scientific and technological advancements we have made during the past three centuries, we have become arrogant and independent. We have lost humility before our Creator. Many people feel they do not need God and God is a cumbersome, bothersome being and the Bible has become a book of ancient fables and a source of intellectual confusion.

Darwin's evolution theory, which is an unproven theory based on erroneous logic and unfounded hypothesis, has been adopted as 'the truth' of all things instead of the Bible so that this false theory is being taught to our children as a mandatory subject in all schools. Whereas all of our environments including geological structures and

fossil discoveries fully testify the great flood of Noah's days, so-called scientists still believe and teach their evolutionary theories on how the earth and the universe have come about and changed. We must strongly protest such ludicrous idiocy of the modern scientific community and the intellectual societies using our good scripture and evidence-based logic and faith so that our society turn away from such sinful attitudes and come to a rightful place of humility before our Creator.

Secondly, we human societies have fallen into moral decadence and depravity and many are walking the paths of sin and death. All of us must start having frank dialogues with our Creator. First of all, let us seek His help in knowing our current status, individually and collectively. Then, we need to seek His guidance and instruction daily so that we may return to the place of God's blessing in repentance, just as the prodigal son returned to his father's home and experienced his covenantal place restored.

Thirdly, we need to accept our calling as 'the good overseer' of all God's creation in sincerity and seriousness. When we become good overseers, we should develop and implement wholesome and efficient industrial and economic policies that will ensure all peoples of the world are sufficiently nourished, educated and provided opportunities of pursuing happiness in God-given freedom. To do so, we do not need a world government such as the current United Nations and its subsidiary organizations that have proven to be pursuing wrong ideologies with inefficiency and bias. When leaders of powerful nations come to have the hearts of good overseers, they will learn to cooperate with one another in the spirit of brotherly love and care instead of the spirit of cruelty and nationalistic self-interest pursuits. Christians have been trained by God to be such good overseers. We need more wholesome, capable Christians in national and international leadership positions of the world.

Amen.