



“Biblical Foundation Principles”

Genesis 1:26-28; Matthew 16:18-19; Luke 19:13

Introduction: God created the heavens and the earth. The seen and the unseen. Everything that is seen was made by that which is unseen. The unseen realm is the parent realm which is eternal and, the seen realm is temporal. The earth is a visible expression of heaven. Heaven and Eden were both called paradise. Adam and Eve were both visible expressions of God, created in His image and likeness, ***Genesis 1:26***. God always built with words and He told Adam, *‘whatever you call it, that’s what it is.’* God rules Heaven with His words, and man rules earth with his words.

When Adam and Eve ate the fruit from the tree, Earth declared its independence from Heaven! Now earth has to invite heaven in if it needs heaven’s help! Earth was never meant to operate apart from heaven! Because of Adam and Eve’s sin, we have the world. Satan is called *‘the god of this world,’* in ***2 Corinthians 4:4***. Satan entered through man’s disobedience and because of that the world systems operate in the earth. But in ***John 3:16***, it says, ***“God so loved the world,”*** and ***“Jesus is the light of the world,”*** so earth is not the problem, and heaven will be on earth one day! The world is what’s wrong with the earth! The first Adam messed it up and it’s going to take a second Adam to fix it!

“Dominion”

Everything we need to dominate the earth our God has given us! God says, *'I control Heaven and you control the earth'. 'Whatever the earth becomes will be because of you and whatever it doesn't become will be because of you!'* Now, the earth is still the Lord's and the fullness thereof, but He gave us control of what He owns, **Matthew 16:18-19**. God says He'll build His church! Now using the same scripture, let's discuss binding and loosing. Bind means to restrict. It hasn't taken you out, you prohibited it from controlling and taking you captive or in bondage. Loose means it already has you, you're already in addition, you're already in bondage, you're already an alcoholic and you need to summon heaven because heaven has the ability to set you free! In **Matthew 28:18** Jesus says, **"All power is given unto Me in heaven and earth."** Prior to the cross, Satan offered Jesus all the kingdoms of the world and Jesus never argued or debated that they were already His. But after the resurrection, Jesus made a new declaration, **Matthew 28:18**.

God will never tell you to win because He's already done that! **Revelation 1:18b** says, *'Jesus took the keys from death, hell and the grave!'* Satan doesn't even have the keys to his own home! STOP giving Satan credit! Statements like, *'the devil has my son and daughter,' 'the devil is all in my house,'* and *'the devil's attacking my finances,'* how is he doing all this when God gave Jesus ALL power? If the Lord has all power, that means there's no power left for the devil! If the devil has no power, then why aren't you winning?

"How Are We Going to Dominate?"

Luke 19:13

Let's Review...

1. We have dominion, the ability to dominate with discipline.
2. We have access to heaven, *'I've given you the keys to the kingdom,'* **Matthew 16:19**.
3. We have access to all power in heaven and in earth.
4. It's His church.

5. We have every spiritual blessing, so we have no needs, ***Ephesians 1:3***.

In ***Luke 19:13***, a nobleman departing on a journey calls his 10 servants, gives them a sum of money and his instructions to '*occupy till I come!*' Our problem with dominion is our inability to occupy and take control! God gave Israel a land flowing with milk and honey. But their failure was to occupy, hence they wandered 40 years. We have the same problem when it comes to our identity and purpose. God had us in His mind before we were ever in our mother's womb, ***Jeremiah 1:4-5***. God formed, knew, sanctified and ordained us. But we lost this in the earth. Just like the lost son, lost sheep and lost coin. The fact that we lost it mean we had it before!

Matthew 28:19-20, tell us to go ye therefore, not come ye therefore! But if I go to occupy, I don't know what to say? Tell your story, and end with Jesus' story. If you're lost for words then let your light shine! A light doesn't have a mouth but witnessing takes place as people watch how you live, so in essence your light does speak. Be light, be salt, be different, make disciples, make disciplined people! People in the world want to know that our God is real! It's time to take control, stand man, stand woman, dominate, occupy and let's take back the land! We have already won so let's act like it! Talk like it's ours, walk like it's ours and act like it's ours because the victory is already won!