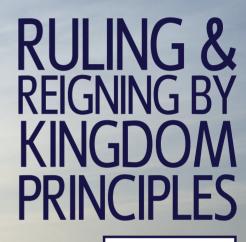
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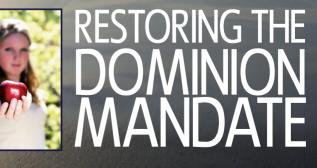






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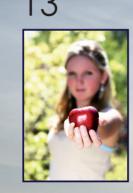
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- By Rev. Kola Ewuosho -

Ruling & Keigning by Kingdom Principles

### Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will be Done!



The Bible is full of parables that illustrate principles of the kingdom of heaven (or kingdom of God). Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom of heaven. God's government is kingdom-operated. A kingdom is the domain of a king. The king's domain, rule or influence can be referred to as the kingdom of the king. There are many facets of the kingdom of God. There is a coming kingdom, a present

expression of it and there was an expression of this kingdom in history. So there is a past, a present and a future aspect to the kingdom of God. It is an eternal kingdom designed to rule ultimately over all other kingdoms of the earth.

The present expression of the kingdom of God is seen in the lives of people who have a living contact with Him. These ones allow His government to rule over their lives. It is a product of the choices they have made. They received Jesus as God's sacrifice for their sins; they repented and believed in the Lord Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. They entered into a relationship with God and slowly these people began to allow the influence of God to rule every area of their lives. "Of the

increase of His government and peace there is no end." (Isaiah 9:7)God's will, can be found in His Word. Many want to experience His will without allowing His government in their lives. Could this be one reason for many inconsistencies in the lives of believers? The writers of the New Testament had a good grip on the lifestyle that allows God's government in their lives so as to receive God's peace and God's increase in their lives. No wonder they experienced God's power in many ways. God's kingdom is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy

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Ghost (Romans 14:17). The manifestation of these qualities is a demonstration of His kingdom. Jesus said in Matthew 6:33 that we should seek first His kingdom and righteousness then all the things needed shall be added to us. His kingdom represents God's ways of getting things done, His government. Could this be why James advises us to "count it all joy when we fall into diverse trials" (James 1:2)? What about "the God of peace crushing Satan shortly under our feet"? External contrary situations seem to stir up the latent qualities of God's kingdom within us. Paul advises us in Philippians 4:6-8 to be carefree and to pray about everything and God will attend to our souls. To continue in this peace, we are also instructed to choose our thoughts. Apostle Peter also helps us in 1 Peter 5: 5-7 in a similar light. He lets us see that the enemy is behind all our anxieties; we give Satan a foothold in our lives when we yield to cares and anxieties. Basically I hear the admonition from these men of God: Allow God's government to

flesh and the world or, on the other hand, God, His Word and His ways. We reap corruption if we yield to the flesh and lifeeternal, if we yield to the Spirit of grace.

#### REPEATED ACTIONS ARE GOVERNED BY PRINCIPLES

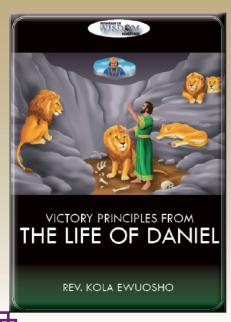
Principles rule! When we learn a principle and apply it regularly, we tend to allow it to rule our behaviour and hence define our character. This we should do towards godly principles. The same is true with negative actions and attitudes. They too are based on principles. There are principles that govern sin in a human being's life. These sin generating principles tend to enslave people, unlike the life-generating ones, that we need to learn and practise. The governing principle of sin is one based on selfishness, found in 1 John 2: 15-17, called the lusts of the flesh, lusts of the eyes and the pride

rule your thoughts, emotions and will and watch His peace and joy produce strength and victory in your life. Colossians 3:15 also says

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we should let God's peace rule in our hearts. Whenever we yield our members to be in subjection to God's government we allow Him to demonstrate His power on our behalf. Your kingdom come, then your will be done. Whoever's kingdom we yield ourselves to, the will of that person shall be done. This is true in our personal lives and it is also true corporately. We must choose who we yield ourselves to: sin, the of life. These govern the worldly operations, practises and systems of thought. When man became ungodly, through the fall of Adam and Eve, the principle or law of sin was lodged in his body according to Romans 7:23. Verses 17-24 makes it clear that something has taken hold of the human being in his members and that thing is sin. It works by principles. What the flesh longs for, what the eyes desire and taking a sense of significance in something other than God all work together to

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produce the present degree of sexual immorality, perversion and absolute worship of the human body and its lusts. Since they are at work in the members of the human body, they tend to have a great degree of control over the lives of those who have not had a spiritual re-birth by being born again. Those who have been born again need to reckon themselves as dead to sin but alive unto God as stated in Romans 6:11-14.

#### GOVERNING PRINCIPLES DEFINE WHOSE GOVERNMENT YOU ARE UNDER

Luke 19:11-27 says "And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear. He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come. But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us. And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over



five cities. And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin: For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow. And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow: Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury? And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds. (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.) For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him. But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me."

In this passage of scripture Jesus talks about the appearing of the kingdom. From Luke's account we can see some glimpses of kingdom principles contained in the story Jesus told. It captures not just a parable of the kingdom but also some kingdom principles. If well understood and applied, they will become our governing principles in all we do so that we can truly allow His government in our lives and thus experience His order, peace and increase in our lives. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end. This can be true in our individual lives as well as corporately in Everything God created is loaded with potential. Unfulfilled potential is said to be one of the greatest tragedies in the life of human beings. For potential to be harnessed, discoveries are necessary, then the principle of intake and output when applied correctly will bring about maximising the discovered potential and will increase the value of the original thing. One verse of scripture has the potentials of God hidden in it and it takes a

believer to keep at it so that the power in it can be released by revelation. Then, when applied, the believer experiences the provision within the promise given by the scripture.

#### 2) THE RECEIVING PRINCIPLE

Also seen in Mark 11:23-24, we need to know what has been given to us so we can step up to receive it. The blessings that became available to us through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross remain largely unclaimed by believers. They are kept from these blessings either by ignorance or by wrong teaching. God places demands on us according to His provisions and potentials within us. In Romans 8:15, Paul says we have received the Spirit of adoption. Have we? We receive by faith not by sight. We come into possession of what He has provided by believing and receiving.

#### 3) THE ENGAGEMENT PRINCIPLE

This principle simply states that God's will in our lives demands our involvement and participation. We need to participate with God for His purposes to be worked out in our lives. We do this also by faith. We believe and obey what He says and trust Him to do His part. His Word carries His integrity. (Luke 11:13)

#### 4) THE STEWARDSHIP PRINCIPLE

As seen in Luke 11:15-16, we are to own all that God gives

His church. We become properly aligned with His kingdom as we submit to his will as contained in His instructions, as we

"Stewards use what has been given for the benefit of the giver. Stewardship implies accountability to the master."

apply the principles of His kingdom and through personal fellowship with Him. There are 7 principles we can glean from this account of the parable in Luke 19 from verse 11. They are the <u>potential principle</u>, the <u>receiving principle</u>, the <u>engagement principle</u>, the <u>stewardship principle</u>, the <u>warfare principle</u>, the <u>reward principle</u> and the <u>maintenance principle</u>. If we let these principles govern our understanding and practise we will not have too many conflicts in walking in obedience to whatever God tells us to do.

#### 1) THE POTENTIAL PRINCIPLE

Everything God gives has the potential for increase in value and worth. For example, the earth contains minerals, trees contain wood and human beings can reproduce themselves. us with a stewardship mentality. Stewards use what has been given them for the benefit of the giver. Stewardship implies accountability to the master. Everything in life was given for a purpose and we shall give account as we use them for the purpose for which they were given. A sense of accountability to God should deliver us from selfish pride. What do we have that we were not given? We are to function as faithful stewards who have received grace from God to be all He wants us to be and to do all we do as unto Him who gave us life in the first place. What a lifestyle this principle will produce!

#### 5) THE WARFARE PRINCIPLE

Luke 11:14 shows us that we are in enemy territory and the

goods from the master have the capacity to withstand opposition. We are still expected to get results irrespective of opposition. A table is prepared before us in the presence of our

Constant contact with God is a must if we are to fulfil His purposes in our lives."

enemies. (Psalm 23:5) We will go right ahead and carry out our assignment knowing full well that we have opposition present. We war and build at the same time like the folks working with Nehemiah. There is warfare within and warfare without. Both go on simultaneously and yet we are expected to bear fruits, produce results and glorify the Lord in the midst of warfare. Rule in the midst of your enemies.

#### 6) THE REWARD PRINCIPLE

The master rewards faithfulness. (See Luke 11:17,19,24) Increase follows faithfulness. To apply these principles, we should set goals that will cause us to engage with God in whatever He is doing in our lives, goals that will challenge us to grow and be more productive. We should seek opportunities to utilise what God has given us with a humble disposition. We should be reaching out to more people as we preach the gospel to them, trusting God that they will come to salvation and begin the process of discipleship.

#### 7) THE MAINTENANCE PRINCIPLE

We should never forget our walk with God as we work for Him. Constant contact with God is a must if we are to fulfil His purposes in our lives. We will run dry if we lose contact with our source. Our motivation, strength and flow will cease if we lose touch with our life-giving God. The key to this contact is our prayer life and our study life. The psalmist said the man who delights in God's Word shall be like a tree planted by the streams of water whose roots are deep into the water bed below the river and draws nutrients even in dry times from the deep source (Psalm 1). In study and meditation we dig deep to draw on the water of life. In prayer we demonstrate our dependence on God and have intimate times with Him in worship. His Spirit has a freedom to mingle with our spirits, bring fresh insight into His ways and rejuvenate us in our battles and strivings in life. If we are to constantly touch other lives as we should, we need to be in constant touch with the One who can sustain us in this life of faith.

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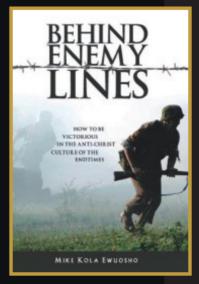
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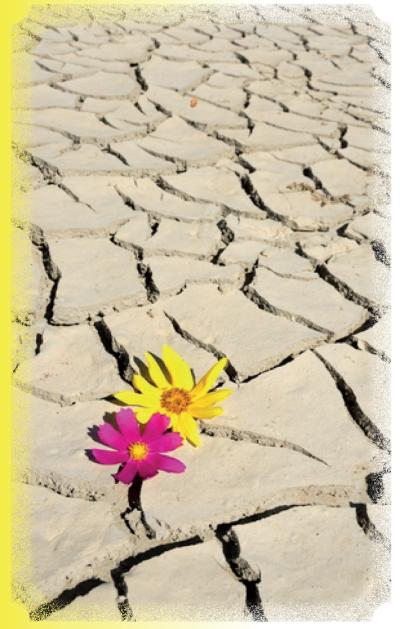
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# Beauty for Ashes

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saiah 61:1-4 says: "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; To proclaim the acceptable

year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified." And they shall rebuild the old ruins, They shall raise up the former desolations, And they shall repair the ruined cities, The desolations of many generations."

Let's take a closer look at the first part of verse 3: "*To console those who mourn in* **Zion**..." That implies that there would be those who are mourning in **Zion** – the house of God! Mourning is not necessarily a negative or an evil thing.

Jesus said those who mourn are blessed, because they shall be comforted. (Matt.5:4). When Nehemiah heard about the deplorable state of Jerusalem; that its wall was broken down and its gates were burnt with fire; he "sat down and wept, and mourned for many days... fasting and praving before the God of heaven." (Neh. 11:3,4). The Bible actually says it is better to go to the house of mourning than to the house of feasting and, the heart of the wise is in the house of mourning. (Eccl. 7:2,4).

The focus isn't the mourning but what will be accomplished in the end - comfort! "To all who mourn in Israel, He will give beauty for ashes, joy instead of mourning, praise instead of despair. For the Lord has planted them like strong and graceful oaks for His own glory" (Is. 61:3 NLT). The Message Bible says, God will rename them "Oaks of Righteousness; planted by God to display His glory".

Psalms 102:16,17 says: "For the LORD shall build up Zion;

He shall appear in His glory. *He shall regard the prayer of the destitute,* And shall not despise their prayer."

It is not what happens to you that matters but how you come out of it. "So the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing, with everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, sorrow and sighing

shall flee away. I even I am He who comforts you." (Is. 51:11,12). The Bible says they shall return... I like to tell the devil, "I will be back"; and I won't come back the way I left but stronger and more powerful! The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come with singing, with everlasting joy. Psalms 126:1-6 says:

"When the LORD brought back the captivity of Zion, We were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, And our tongue with singing. Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us, And we are glad.

Bring back our captivity, O LORD, As the streams in the South.

Those who sow in tears Shall reap in joy.

He who continually goes forth weeping, Bearing seed for sowing, Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, Bringing his sheaves with him.'

Like they say, "tough times never last, but tough people do!" The pain, the tears, the devastation, the set back, etc; isn't

\_\_\_\_\_ "You must be determined to come out of your mourning better than how you were before you went in.' 

everlasting but the joy that would come out of it is everlasting. "For His anger is but for a moment, His favour is for life; weeping many endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning" (Ps. 30:5). You must be determined to come out

of your mourning better than how you were before you went in. "Instead of your shame you shall have double honour. and instead of confusion they shall rejoice in their portion. Therefore in their land they shall possess double; everlasting joy shall be theirs." (Is. 61:7). The Bible tells us that the Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning. The Lord restored Job's losses; He restored what was captured from Job. The Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before! (Job 42:10).

> It is not how you started that matters, but how you finish! "Though your beginning was small, vet your latter end would increase abundantly." (Job 8:7). God says in Jeremiah 29:11 "I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out - plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for." (The Message Bible). Isn't it comforting to know that we serve a God who knows what He is doing? When Joseph submitted himself to the dealings of God, he must have trusted that God knew what He was doing. What of Daniel, when he was being thrown into the lions' den? What of the three Hebrew guys, when the king commanded that the fire be made seven times hotter and they were thrown into it? These folks must have believed that God sure knew what He was doing! God says "I know what I am doing. I have it all planned out- ". The

Amplified Bible says, "to give you hope in your final outcome." I like that phrase: "your final outcome." The Bible says "Sorrow is better than laughter, for by a sad countenance the heart is made better. The end of a thing is better than its beginning, the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit." (Eccl. 7:3,8). The Apostle Paul said "our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal." (2 Cor. 4:17, 18).

Your problem is just the beginning of something greater in God! It does not have to be a stumbling block for you but should rather be a stepping stone to greater heights. When Jesus heard that Lazarus was sick, He told His disciples that the sickness was not unto death but for the glory of God. (Jn. 11:14). That is, death wasn't going to be the final outcome, but the glory of God! Remember, the Bible says we are the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified. Jesus told Martha that if she would believe, she would see the glory of the Lord. (Jn. 11:39). A man was born blind and they asked

> Jesus whose fault was it that he was born blind. Jesus said it was neither the man's sins nor his parents' but that the works

of the Lord be revealed in him. (Jn. 9:1-3). We must not be focussed on what the devil is doing or on the negative things around us; but rather be focussed on what God can, and wants to do in that situation. Jesus went on to say; "I

"The focus isn't the mourning but what will be accomplished in the end – comfort!"

must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day, the night is coming when no one can work." That should be our own attitude too – a commitment to participating with God in what He wants to do! We don't just sit around, rather we must rise up and start participating with God if we would see our situation turn around, and see God turn our mourning into dancing. Surely, God wants to console those who mourn in Zion by giving them the oil of joy for mourning, the garment

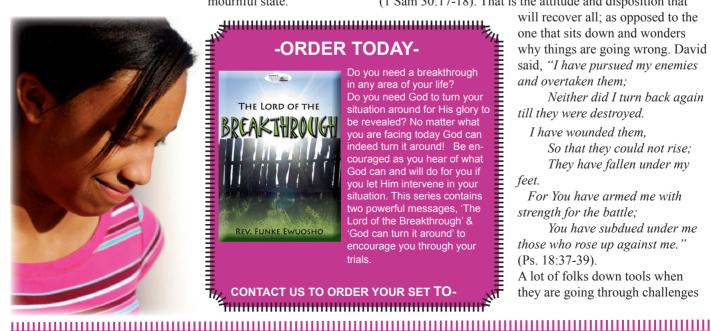
of praise for the spirit of heaviness; so that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that the Lord many be glorified - that is their final outcome! Job said, "But He knows the way that I take: when He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold." (Job 23:10).

Isaiah 61:4 says, "And they shall rebuild the old ruins; they shall raise up the former desolations and they shall repair the ruined cities. the desolations of many generations." Who are the "they" that shall do these things? The same ones who mourn in Zion of course! That means, they are going to get involved with God in the recovery and restoration process. God wants to give them beauty for ashes. Ashes are the leftover or aftermath of a devastation. After a fire, you have ashes, rubbles, ruins, etc. The Message Bible says, "They'll rebuild the old ruins, raise a new city out of wreckage, they'll start over

on the ruined cities, take the rubble left behind and make it new." Hallelujah! God can make something out of that total wreckage. He can turn your mess into a message. He can make a testimony out of your tests! "For the LORD shall build up Zion;

He shall appear in His glory." (Ps. 102:16). Isaiah 60:15 says, "Whereas you have been forsaken and hated, So that no one went through you, I will make you an eternal excellence, A joy of many generations." Amen!

Don't allow yourself to be completely overwhelmed by your problems. It is okay to weep, but you must also rise up and begin to build! Nehemiah wept and mourned many days but he also did something else; he fasted and prayed in his mournful state.



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(Neh. 1:4-11). And God heard his prayers; "He shall regard the praver of the destitute.

And shall not despise their prayer." (Ps. 102:17). God gave Nehemiah favour with the king and Nehemiah was given the permission to go back to Jerusalem, to rebuild it. Nehemiah invited others to join him, he said to them "You see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lies waste, and its gates are burned with fire. Come and let

> us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer be a reproach." And the people replied; "Let us rise up and build." Then they set their hands to this good work." (Neh. 2:17,18). So, Nehemiah and the people rebuilt the wall of Jerusalem!

David had a situation in which the city of Ziklag where he lived was attacked and burnt with fire by the Amalekites. They also took captive all the women and children while David and his men were away, fighting. David and his men wept until they had no more strength to weep. David was greatly distressed because the people spoke of stoning him. The Bible says, "But David encouraged himself in the LORD his God". He also inquired of God as to what step to take. God said to David "Pursue, for you shall surely overtake them and without fail recover all." David and four hundred of his men pursued the Amalekites and they recovered all that the Amalekites

had carried away. (1 Sam. 30:1-20).

Your attitude to what happens to you and your disposition to your trials, will determine greatly how you come out of it. It is easier to sit around weeping than it is to rise up to begin to "rebuild the old ruins, raise a new city out of wreckage, start over on the ruined cities and to take the rubble left behind and make it new." You don't need to run away from your problems, if you do, you will face them again. You must learn to face them! David ran towards Goliath. Someone said, if the devil is after you, you are probably facing the wrong direction - turn around and face him! The Bible says David attacked the Amalekites from twilight until the evening of the next day. "So David recovered all ... ' (1 Sam 30:17-18). That is the attitude and disposition that

will recover all; as opposed to the one that sits down and wonders why things are going wrong. David said, "I have pursued my enemies and overtaken them;

Neither did I turn back again till they were destroyed.

I have wounded them. So that they could not rise; They have fallen under my

feet.

For You have armed me with strength for the battle;

You have subdued under me those who rose up against me." (Ps. 18:37-39).

A lot of folks down tools when they are going through challenges

God can make something out of that total wreckage. He can turn your mess into a message 77

in their lives. That should not be the case if you would see God turn your captivity around. "Those who sow in tears Shall reap in joy.

He who continually goes forth weeping, Bearing seed for sowing,

Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, Bringing his sheaves with him."

(Ps. 126:5-6).

Even in your tears, you can still sow and in your weeping, you can still be bearing seed for sowing; that is the guarantee for a joyful harvest! A farmer who didn't put any seed in the ground, has nothing to look forward to. God said, as long as the earth remains, seedtime and harvest shall not cease. (Gen. 8:22).

Do vou maintain a positive attitude inspite of what you are going through? The Bible says you should count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience in you and when patience has run its full

course, you will become mature and complete lacking nothing. (Jas. 1:2-4). The Apostle Paul admonishes us to rejoice again and again! (Php. 4:4).

Nehemiah 8:10 says, "for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

"And in that day you will say: " O LORD, I will praise You; Though You were angry with me,

Your anger is turned away, and You comfort me. Behold, God is my salvation,

From the wells of salvation." (Is. 12:1-3).

No wonder David couldn't hear from God until he first of all

encouraged himself in the Lord. If you didn't first encourage

yourself in the Lord, before trying to inquire from Him, you

would only hear from your pain, your hurt, your bitterness,

your confusion, etc; but definitely not from God! But, how

disciples "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but

be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." (Jn. 16:33).

The Amplified Bible says, "I have deprived it of power to

harm you and have conquered it for you". What you listen to and meditate upon, will determine if you would have joy

do you encourage yourself in The LORD? Jesus told his

I will trust and not be afraid; ' For YAH. the LORD, is my strength and song; He also has become my salvation."" Therefore with joy you will draw water

"Do you maintain a positive attitude inspite of what you are going through?" 

their father was dead. he would hate them and fully repay them for all the evil which they did to him. Job was

another example. The Bible says, "And the LORD restored Job's losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before." (Job 42:10). Jesus commanded His disciples to love their enemies, to bless those who curse them, to do good to those who hate them and to pray for those who spitefully use them and persecute them. (Matt. 5:44). 1 Peter 3:9 says "not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.".

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and peace or not; the choice is yours. You could focus on the negative, like the Bible says in Lamentations 3:19-20: "Remember my affliction and roaming,

The wormwood and the gall. (or bitterness) My soul still remembers And sinks within me."

But you could also turn around and focus on the positive -

"This I recall to my mind,

Therefore I have hope.

Through the LORD's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not.

They are new every morning;

Great is Your faithfulness.

" The LORD is my portion," says my soul,

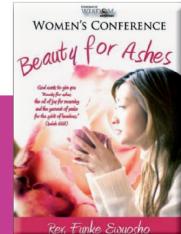
"Therefore I hope in Him!" (Lam. 3:21-24). The Psalmist commands his soul to bless the Lord and not to forget all of His benefits

(Ps. 103:2). When you meditate on the benefits of the LORD you would be encouraged and have enough motivation and strength to come out of it victoriously. "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything

by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let

your requests be made known to God; and the **peace** of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." (Php. 4:6-7).

Are you going to come out bitter or better? Joseph came out better; he told his brothers: "But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive. Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them." (Gen. 50:20-21). Joseph's brothers were afraid that now that





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### Couples Feature Article

## Restoring the Dominion Mandate (The Male/ Female Connection)

- By Rev. Kola Ewuosho -



enesis 1:26-27 says "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image,

*in the image of God created he him; male* 

and female created

he them."

God gave dominion to man (mankind) and the scripture clearly says "male and female created He them". God gave dominion to them both. They were not meant to dominate one another. God intended that they exercise authority through the release of their God-given potentials. In doing so they would experience fulfilment whilst discovering, developing and deploying their gifts and talents within the context of their relationship with God and with one another. Their creation in Genesis 1 and their formation in Genesis 2 clearly show God's intention for their relational roles.

The woman was made for the man and her body was formed out of the man's rib. She was made for and from him. God obviously wanted someone like the man, made from the same raw material as he was, to complement the man. He had 'positional authority' and she had 'influence authority'. From the wording of Genesis chapter one, woman was not an afterthought. Chapter two is simply an explanation of God's creation /formation process. He simply separated the female man from the male man. The woman was made different from the man; for instance, to carry a womb. So she is the womb-man. *Purpose* is the reason for the design that God made for male and female. The level of oneness God had in mind was so powerful that the two were meant to function together to exercise the dominion mandate God had given them. When God called Abraham and changed his name in Genesis 17, it should be noted that Sarah's name was also changed. He meant for both to be restored to the pre-fall season for mankind.

> Sin brought a great division amongst the sexes as well as amongst the human beings relationally. Sin did so much damage that we are yet to fully know the extent. Sin pollutes process, perverts purpose and destroys destiny. The fall of man brought about the perversion of authority and a perversion of the purpose of correct influence amongst mankind. We see it straight away between Cain and Abel. Envy, jealousy and eventually hatred and murder are all the effects of the fall. The major damage sin did was to inject selfishness into the flesh of humanity. The law of sin was lodged into human flesh. Man's authority was delegated authority, to be used within the context of God's plans and purposes for mankind. The woman had used her power of influence to bring the man into disobedience to God. The scripture says the man

was not deceived but knowingly disobeyed God. The curse or judgements God released as a result of their sin revealed that God is a just God. The wordings of the utterances show that the man was not designed to rule over the woman, amongst other things. Now Christ bore thorns on his head to show that He bore the curse that fell on the earth for the sake of man. The price has been fully paid for the

"Sin brought a great division amongst the sexes as well as amongst the human beings relationally." redemption of the human race and our growth process will bring about our experiencing the fullness of the redemption that we have in Christ. As long as any one of the sexes is still in bondage, the other can never experience the fullness of our redemption and hence cannot enjoy the fullness of our dominion. In some of the developing nations where women seem underdeveloped and oppressed, the males are not experiencing the fullness of their dominion mandate. It was given to both; not one. We need to see females fully restored

to their positions in God. In the European nations where the females have received some degree of equality, some have taken over, ruling over their male counterparts. They have yielded to another spirit and many men have become less than what God ordained the male man to be. Restoration, as God ordained it, cannot be accomplished through any carnal means. We need understanding as well as grace to become all that God intended for us to be. This will bring glory and honour to our God who in wisdom ordained these things to be so.

#### JESUS... OUR MODEL OF AUTHORITY AND SUBMISSION.

Marriage, as God planned it, has redemptive purposes locked into it. Ephesians 5:19-25 says "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of

our Lord Jesus Christ; Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also



#### loved the church, and gave himself for it; "

We see the centrality of Christ; His love for the church is to be an example for how the man is to love his wife. Jesus demonstrated His love by laying down His life. Man is to lay down his pride for his wife. The wife is to be in submission to her husband as unto the Lord. So, once again, the relationship with Christ is the model for submission as well as a model for love. Jesus' life and sacrifice for mankind is meant

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to both free us as well as to show us how to live our lives. He paid the price and showed us the example to follow. We are never forced to be in submission to Him. His love for us has drawn our submission to Him. That is the example the scripture gives us. Christ Jesus was in willing submission to the Father-God and at the same time demonstrated His love for mankind by laying down His life in obedience to the Father. Man is meant to be in submission to Christ as well as love his wife and the woman is supposed to be in submission to

Christ as she submits to her husband who carries a delegated authority for the sake of God's will in the home. Where God's Spirit has a free reign, they will both be in submission to one another in the fear of the Lord (Ephesians 5:21). Philippians 2:6-8 also shows Jesus in submission to the Father. This picture shows the redemption process going on within marriage. When the husband and wife come into alignment with Christ's love and sacrifice, the dominion mandate will be fully restored. The woman's influence will bring a lot of good to the man's life and the love of the man will minister security to the woman to enhance her and help her to be all God wants her to be. Both of them need to be under the influence of God, where His Word and Spirit have a free course, to bring about their development, through progressive understandings of His plans and purposes for their lives and children's lives. These release the dominion mandate to be in full force in the earth.

Marriage, like any other institution ordained by God, is not meant to be an end in itself but a means to an end. It was meant to be a demonstration of God's plans to bring about the maximisation of the potentials locked into the male/female man, as well as procreate other people like themselves and hence fill the earth with God's glory. His glory here represents His attributes, character, power and presence. All these were put into the experiential designed purposes locked into mankind. An enemy came and through man's disobedience made the rulers become the slaves, the ones with dominion become dominated and mankind's spirit lost its place of intimacy and dominion with God. When we understand God's purpose for giving us instructions on how to function on earth, we will realise that our compliance with His instructions acts as a means of binding the devil from operating in our lives. When our thoughts, words and actions line up with God's ways of doing things (His Kingdom), we have gone a long way in putting the enemy where he belongs- under our feet.

Our needs as males and females are tied to our unique designs and functions. We have unique purposes and require unique inputs for us to function the way we were meant to function. Understanding these things will enable us to operate together and bring about the restoration of our dominion mandate. As long as one goes it alone, we see the absence of the other hindering the full expression of the dominion mandate of the one going alone. Many men who seem to have accomplished a lot have done it at the expense of their family relationships and some end up in the arms of a strange woman. Why? They were meant to go with the right woman by their sides. Male and female He created them. Many women too have suffered in the hands of the wrong man. They were meant to be side by side accomplishing great things for God, exercising their dominion mandate. In the spiritual realm there is no difference between men and women but in the physical realm there has to be proper relationship of submission. 1 Peter 3:7 says we are heirs together of the gracious

gift of life'. In the same verse, the word weaker should be seen as "delicate". We were made different for the purposes we were meant to fulfil. We all need a close walk with God to fulfil our purposes in God.

Amongst the many differences in the man and the woman let us look at one attribute each. The man is a cultivator and the woman an incubator. If you give a woman a sperm, she will give you a baby, give her a house, she will give you a home, give her groceries, and she will give you a meal. She multiplies what she is given. Though this can work positively or negatively, it simply shows God's innate ability built into the woman. Give her a wrong environment and she can take in what is around her and multiply it too.

Man as a cultivator was meant to cultivate the Garden of Eden. To cultivate means to make something better, more effective and more fruitful. A man is meant to cultivate his work, talents and skills. He is designed to make everything around him better. A man is meant to cultivate the spiritual and physical lives of his children, his wife and everything around him. He is to cultivate them to be all that God wants them to be. Through the teaching of the Word and good words of encouragement and support, a man should cultivate his wife and children. (There are many other attributes of the man and the woman. However Satan, having taken advantage of our ignorance, has seized our dominion mandate, so

"A man is meant to cultivate his work, talents and skills. He is designed to make everything around him better." this study will continue in the future). So we see the dominion mandate was lost through sin and through our redemption in Christ, we have it restored. We can begin the process of seeing the restoration of this mandate as we work out our salvation with fear and trembling. As we all grow up to becoming more and more Christ-like, we see our progression in the restoration of the dominion mandate. We are not ignorant of the devices of the evil one, but through Christ our Lord we can begin to walk in the authority invested in the new creation as well as in the name of Jesus and see strongholds coming down and age long bondages being broken so we can walk in the freedom of the sons of God. He who the Son sets free is free indeed. He is our Saviour and pattern for sonship. He is both our model for submission as well for author-

ity. To him all the fullness of the dominion was restored and when we grow up into Him, all the fullness will be restored to us also. Let us press on to lay hold of all God has in store for us.

#### Rev. Kola Ewuosho

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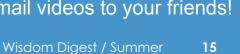
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