

KINGDOM REPRESENTATION

PURPOSE OF MAN

- Ps 8: 5 *For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:*

THE GLORY OF GOD

Also references to crowning man with Glory

So the question begs to be asked: "What is Glory"

The English word is used many times in both the Old and New Testament

A. Old testament

- The word for glory is **kabhodh**
 - an external physical manifestation which attracts the attention, ISBE
 - to describe the method or the circumstances of the self-manifestation of God. ISBE

a. Examples

- *Exo 24:17 And the sight of the glory of the LORD [was] like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel.*
- *Exo 40:34 Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.*
- *Num 16:42 And it came to pass, when the congregation was gathered against Moses and against Aaron, that they looked toward the tabernacle of the congregation: and, behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD appeared.*
- *2Ch 5:14 So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.*

B. New Testament

- In the NT the word Doxa
 - "appearance, form,.. **that appearance of a person or thing which catches the eye or attracts attention, commanding recognition.**"

a. Examples

- *Mar 13:26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and **glory**.*
- *Lk 2:9 KJV] 9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.*
- Speaking of Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration:
- *Lk 9:31 Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem. 32 But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him.*
- Jesus speaking to Martha at Lazarus tomb
- *Joh 11:40 Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the **glory** of God?*

So man was crowned with Glory to be a physical manifestation that is intended **to bring recognition of God's existence and presence.**

Let's look at how this happened

I. Creation of man

- *Genesis 1:26 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*
- *28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*

a. Image

- Image means; copy" of something in the sense of a replica. (Vines)
- An image is not the original, but something that is created to cause recognition or identification of the original

Man was created as an image or replica of God to bring recognition of God

b. Likeness

- Adam was also created in God's likeness
- Likeness: used as to describe how something is behaving.
 - It describes **how something is acting like something else**
 - **Example - Isa 13:4** *A sound of tumult on the mountains, Like that of many people! A sound of the uproar of kingdoms, Of nations gathered together! The LORD of hosts is mustering the army for battle.*
 - Likeness is actions that make you think of something else
 - Brings recognition

c. Dominion

- Man was given Dominion - reign or rule over God's creation
- Dominion: (brown-drivers-brigg): to rule, have dominion, tread down
- Zohardites Word Study: exercising domain which is An area of territory owned or controlled by a particular ruler or government.

KINGDOM

- **the right or authority to rule** over a kingdom
- not to be confused with an actual kingdom

Restoration of Image In Us

Jesus came to restore us back to the place of image bearers of god.

- *And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: Col 3:10*
- *For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son... Rom 8:29*
- *and to clothe yourselves with the new nature, which was created according to God's image in righteousness and true holiness. ISV Eph 4:24*
 - *and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. NIV*

His Representatives

Apostolic

As his representatives we are sent to do his work

- *As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world Jn 17:18*

Sent = Greek - apostolos – related to Apostolos or apostle

- a delegate, messenger, one sent forth with orders
- An apostle represents the one sending and has authority to represent the sender in business, political, or educational situations.

We are sent as messengers

To represent Jesus and demonstrate His kingdom

Power Vs Authority

As his sent representative understand the difference between power and authority

Power =

Thayer's dunamis - **strength, ability, power**
a., **power residing in a thing** by virtue of its nature,

Authority

Vine's: exousia "freedom of action, right to act";
The legal right to use another's power!

- Power is from an internal source, from own nature
- Authority is from an external source, using a power that originates from outside of us

Conclusion

The keys to operating in Kingdom Authority:

- Understand Who sent us
- We are authorized to use His power
- Know His will
- Have faith in Him: he will confirm his word

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