

HIS PLANS YOUR PURPOSE

LESSON 1 His Plan

CREATION

Scriptural Back Story - The Creation Process (Genesis 1:1-31)

Lets look at what some scripture states about the earth.

- Num 14:21 *But [as] truly [as] I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.*
- Isa 6:3 *And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, [is] the LORD of hosts: the whole earth [is] full of his glory.*
- Psa 19:1 *[[To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.]] The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.*
- Psa 57:11 *Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: [let] thy glory [be] above all the earth.*
- Hab 2:14 *For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.*

THE GLORY OF GOD

A. Old testament

- The word for glory is **kabodh** - use of the word kabodh is its employmentto 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.*

In each of these examples, and many more in the scripture the glory of the Lord is

associated with a physical manifestation that resulted in the recognition of God's presence.

B. New Testament

- In the NT the word used is **doxa** and according to Dr. Spiro Zodhiates it has as its meaning:
 - " *appearance, form,.. that appearance of a person or thing which catches the eye or attracts attention, commanding recognition.*"

a. Examples

- Mat 4:8 *Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;*
- 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.*
- 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.*

Thus we can say Glory is a physical manifestation that is intended to attract attention and bring about recognition. **In this context is to bring recognition of God's existence and presence.**

C. Back To Creation

- **The earth was to be filled with an appearance that attracted attention and brought the recognition of God.**

MANKIND

A. Purpose of Man

- Ps 8:4-6 *What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? 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:*

B. 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. 27 So God*

created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 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. Created in God's image

- Image means; "image or copy" of something in the sense of a replica. (Vines)

Man was created as an image of God to bring recognition of God
it was intended that when you looked at Adam, you would see what God looked like.

b. Likeness

- Likeness: used as an adverb to describe how something is behaving.
 - The man was acting like a spoiled child
 - **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.
 - Was not a tumult or a group of people, but sounded like that

c. Dominion

- Man was given Dominion - reign over God's creation
- Dominion: to tread down, i.e. subjugate; specifically, to crumble off:—(come to, make to) have dominion, prevail against, reign, (bear, make to) rule,(-r, over), take.
- Again Palms 8
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KINGDOM

Mankind created in God's image to act like him, demonstrating rule or reign over creation is where the concept of God's kingdom is first established

Old Testament word for kingdom used 110x

- it means: dominion, reign, sovereignty
 - *Dan 7:18 But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever. ... 22 Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.*
- All of mankind was created with the same purpose = be God's image and representative, demonstrating authority.
- This is the main theme of God's purpose for us today.

THE FALL

Gen 3:1-24

Unfortunately, Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating of the tree of the knowledge of Good and evil

Adam's sin was passed on to all of mankind

- *Rom 5:14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.*

A. Sin

- *Rom 3:23 - For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*
 - Translate this verse: *For all have missed the mark and fallen short of the appearance that attracts attention and brings recognition of God*
- This was what has been passed on to all of mankind
- We have lost the ability to be God's image and representative in our sinful nature

CONCLUSION

But God did not scrap and start a new plan – went back to restore original

- God's Plan is about restoration
- Restoring man back to a place of image and dominion or authority
- We will see in the following lessons that God's intent was to restore fallen mankind back to their original purpose