

Lessons from the Pandemic

Lesson 4: Gen. 1:28 – ...subdue it and have dominion over it

Background: Creation Process Gen. 1:26-30 – God created (in His image) – blessed and gave directives

- Be fruitful
- Fill the earth
- Subdue it
- Have dominion over it

Result: Gen. 1:31 – God saw all that He made and it was very good

Why is man's directive to subdue?

God was planning ahead in case there comes a time when it's not good

Events after Gen. 1:31: Pandemic #2

Source: Ezekiel 28:15 – you were blameless in all you did from the day you were created until the day evil was found in you.

Action: Isolation – Ezekiel 28:16 So I banished you in disgrace from the Mountain of God.

Lesson learned by God: Man will need to be equipped to subdue if He is going to have dominion.

Application of the subdue principle:

Principle: Calming precedes ruling – domain having

Gen. 1:2 – Pandemic #1 – The Spirit of God hovered over chaos – hover over to calm down so He could create.

Take Away: As Believers we are created in God's image and given this directive. You are authorized (Matt. 28:18) as God's agent of calm to enter into relation with hostile forces to breathe the Breath of God's Life in order to have dominion. God-directed dominion results in a peace that passeth understanding.