

Christian Dominion



Christian Dominion

by Steve Barwick

I've been asked repeatedly, "Steve, if you're correct, and this coronavirus plague is not a plague from God on this sinful world, but instead, from evil men trying to take over the world, prematurely, before Satan gets here in his role as the false messiah, then why is God allowing it to happen?"

Another gentleman wrote to say:

If this coronavirus circus is not from God, why, is God allowing it to drag on so long, with each day costing us more and more of our freedoms and liberties, especially our Christian and Constitutional freedoms and liberties?"

My Questions, In Return:

My own questions, back to these two individuals, and to all of those who have written with the same or very similar questions, is this: *Why are we blaming God for "allowing" this?*

Who says *God* is allowing this largely fabricated plague to go on and on, *ad infinitum*? Who says God allowed it in the first place?

To understand why I ask these questions, let's go back to the very beginning of flesh creation and take a quick look at what God actually *said* and *did*, from the start. And hopefully, then, you'll grasp the fact that God is *not* allowing this to happen. Instead, *we* are, because we've abdicated our responsibilities to be God's image-bearing overcomers.

Gen 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.

Gen 1:27 So God created man **in his own image, in the image of God created he him**; male and female created he them.

Gen 1:28 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.**

We are God's image-bearers on this earth (i.e., "God created man in His own image" – vs. 27). And as such, just as our heavenly Father has dominion over the heavens, He granted *us* dominion over this earth, and over all of its inhabitants, i.e., "*every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*"

That's called "the Dominion Covenant." And we are supposed to take it *seriously*, because it's a very serious responsibility.

Let's take a quick look at that word, "dominion" in verses 26 and 28 above, and understand it's meaning, in the original Hebrew:

H7287

רָדָה

râdâh

raw-daw'

A primitive root; to **tread down**, that is, **subjugate**; specifically to crumble off: - (come to, make to) **have dominion**, **prevail against**, **reign**, (bear, make to) **rule**, (-r, over), **take**.

As you can see from the definition of the Hebrew word *radah*, dominion means to subjugate. And it's something that you have to *take*. That means *effort* is involved. Even, perhaps, a bit of risk. You have to *tread down* anything that stands in the way of your God-granted dominion, and subjugate it to God's Word. You have to *prevail against it*, in order to rule and reign *over it*.

It's the job of the overcomers. Do you get it?

Take a look at Genesis 1:28, above, again. You'll notice the word "subdue." In order to *take* the dominion God granted us, you have to *subdue* that which might stand in the way of your dominion. Let's look at the original Hebrew for that word, *subdue*, as well:

H3533

כָּבַשׁ

kâbash

kaw-bash'

A primitive root; ***to tread down***; hence negatively to disregard; **positively to conquer**, **subjugate**, violate: - **bring into bondage**, force, keep under, **subdue**, **bring into subjection**.

As you can see, "subdue" is translated from the Hebrew word *kabash*, which is from whence we get our English slang word *kibosh*, as in, "He put the kibosh to it," meaning to put an end to something that's in the way; to stop an impediment from impeding progress.

In order to seize the dominion God has clearly granted us from the very beginning of this flesh creation, we have to *subdue* anything and everything that might be in the way. We have to tread it down, conquer it, subjugate it, bring it into bondage or under our subjection.

We are responsible to God for doing this. But because God granted the dominion, He in turn blesses our attempts at *subduing* and subjugating the impediments, whether they be a physical enemy, a personal weakness, a negative character trait...you name it. We overcome it, and take dominion over it.

Whatever's in the way of our God-granted dominion over this earth, we, as God's image-bearers, must first *subjugate* it. Put it under our feet. Trample on it, if necessary. And then *take* the God-granted dominion, and rule and reign, just as Christ is going to do at His Second Advent. It's our *responsibility*, as His image-bearers on this earth.

As it's written of that soon-coming time when the eternal dominion will be given to us, in Christ, at His Second Advent:

Isa 63:3 I have **trodden** the winepress **alone**; **and of the people there was none with me**; for I will **tread** them in mine anger, and **trample** them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment.

He's speaking of His vengeance on the enemy, beloved. He has to do it *alone*, at His Second Advent. *Why?*

Because at that time, His elect will have been delivered up to the synagogues of Satan and the Sanhedrin councils (Mark 13:9), and the rest of the people will be under the spell of the great deceiver, Satan, in His role as the false Christ.

So, this is something Christ has to do by Himself at His Second Advent, on a worldwide level. He's doing what *we should have been doing* since Genesis chapter 1, but have abdicated on, by depending upon various man-kings, instead of being the image-bearing overcomers we were always meant to be.

Yet, to *us*, it's written, speaking of Satan as that roaring lion who runneth about this old earth, seeking whom he may devour ...that slithering poisonous serpent...that wicked and rebellious dragon:

Psa 91:13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

That's taking dominion, on Christ's behalf, as faithful, working members of His elect body. But, we've failed to exercise and assert our dominion. And Christ will now have to pick up the slack, where we've failed, at His Second Advent.

Again, as it's written, of that great day when He arrives:

Mal 4:3 And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet IN THE DAY THAT I SHALL DO THIS, saith the LORD of hosts.

And again:

Rev 2:26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

Are you truly one of God's image-bearing overcomers? Then overcome the deception (including the "a man-king will save us" deception") and keep (i.e., preserve) Christ's works unto the end. Don't give up on them. It's time to *double-down* on them, instead.

Rev 2:27 And He shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.

That's the *eternal destiny and heritage* of God's faithful image-bearers, in Christ. We're to take the dominion over the Lord's enemies, as best we can, until Christ arrives to give us eternal dominion, with Himself as King, and we as His servant co-regents (Revelation 3:21).

But, as I've stated, at this point we've failed miserably. We've depended upon man to "save us." A broken "Cyrus." A "Trump-Pence" with the Pence part turned backstabber, meaning it was all bullshit from the start, or it would never have failed as miserably as it did. If it was truly from God, it would have prevailed.

[I tried to tell you, since before the 2016 election](#). Most of you would not listen. You listened, instead, to Q-Anon. "Trust the plan," you were told by the anonymous ones. "Trump is playing 3-D chess against the deep state," you were told. "Any minute now, the arrests will start, and the deep state will be taken down."

You never realized the Kenites (i.e., *Qayin* = Q-Anon) were playing you like a fiddle. Tricking you into giving up your own power of God-given dominion to depend, instead, upon a man-king. How can you be an image-bearing elect overcomer, if you can't see through such a rudimentary ruse?

Nevertheless, in the meantime, as we await that Second Advent of our Lord and Savior, we're to work to subjugate anything in the way of our God-granted dominion. Tread upon it, wherever we can. And take the dominion over it, under the authority and power of the Word of God.

We don't have to wait until the Second Advent of our Lord and Savior to exercise that dominion. We are *supposed* to have been exercising it, ourselves, since the time of Genesis chapter 1. But we have utterly failed to do so, thus necessitating His fiery vengeance upon His enemies at His soon-coming Second Advent.

But what sayeth the Lord, about our authority to take dominion in the here-and-now, in the final days of this flesh earth age in which we now live?

Luke 12:49 I am come to send fire on the earth; **and what will I, if it be already kindled?**

This is speaking, again, of His Second Advent. The term "what will I" should have been translated "and I prefer it." Pastor Arnold Murray of the Shepherd's Chapel used to translate it, "How happy I will be."

In other words, when Christ gets here for His Second Advent, He *prefers* to see that fire against the enemies of God – that dominion fire over the enemy – *already being kindled by His elect image-bearers*. He prefers to see the Dominion Covenant already being exercised on His behalf, by His image-bearers. It will make Him happy to see it.

Yes, we're to *start* the job, as best we can. Right now. Then, He comes to *finish* it.

So, even now, when something is in the way...when something becomes a threat to our Christian heritage...to our rights...to the Body of Christ...to the very Word of God itself...we, as God's faithful image-bearers, are supposed to knock it the hell out of the way, set it on fire, figurately speaking, and then trample the ashes under foot, as Psalm 91 directs. Not wait for a man-king to do it for us.

First, we subjugate it. Then we take the dominion over it, and exercise that God-granted dominion, *God's way*. We put God's Word and God's Way back into play. It's our job on this earth. It's our solemn duty. And it's very clearly spelled out in Genesis chapter 1, and in so many other places in the Bible.

Yes, we're to do just as our forefathers did in the American Revolution, when the British monarchy, in its arrogance and pride, became wicked tyrants and tried to block our God-granted dominion over this great land which our people had fought to subdue from the heathen since the

Pilgrims first landed 156 years earlier, in 1620, while seeking religious and political freedom from the tyranny of the religio-political beast system of their time.

Nothing has changed. It's *still* the same, today. The only difference, today, is our own sad *indifference* to the Dominion Covenant. Our learned helplessness. Our excuse-making frailty.

But thankfully, a few are finally waking up, coming out of the political beast as it begins devouring its unwitting prey, and working to take dominion against God's enemies, in Christ's name. How about you?

Now, listen to a little secret: When Satan finally gets here, in his role as the false messiah, God's saints do indeed kinda get their asses kicked a bit. (See the Bible study [You've Got to Lose In Order to Win – a Bible Study for God's Elect.](#))

Our old adversary is actually granted *temporary conquest* over the saints, as the above-linked Bible study documents. And we'll be "hated of all men" for His name's sake (Luke 21:17).

But it's *only* so the elect saints can be delivered up to the synagogues of Satan – the Sanhedrin councils – for those trials, at which point *the Holy Spirit of God speaks through us* (Mark 13:9-11), convicting the entire world of its wickedness and sinfulness in so willfully following the false messiah (Luke 21:12-15), just as they did in the first age when Satan first rebelled.

That's the *only* time we're to give up dominion. And it's *solely* because Christ is about to arrive on the scene to destroy Satan's kingdom on this earth, take over forever, and give us *eternal dominion* of this earth for our faithfulness...for sticking firmly with the Script(ure), and trusting Him with the absolute trust and faith of a small child to its parents.

It is then, at His Second Advent, that *we'll* begin to rule and reign *with Him* forever as kings and priests over the earth (Isaiah 32:1; Revelation 5:10; Revelation 20:6; Revelation 22:5), from His very throne (Revelation 3:21).

Until that soon-coming time, we, as God's image-bearers, are to *exercise our God-granted dominion* on this earth, in the face of whatever enemy there might be in the way of it. And never back down from it.

We don't give up, and give in, *before* Satan arrives in his role as the false messiah, and ultimately has the elect of Christ delivered up. We conquer the obstacles in the path. We stand up to them, boldly. Not for some man-king, but instead, for God and His Kingdom. And we do it without fear. "Fear not, for I am with thee," as He has commanded us so many, *many* times throughout the Scriptures.

Our Failure to Exercise the Dominion Covenant

There are entire Christian denominations based on the Dominion Covenant. All of them have failed, because none of them were serious. None of them actually had the guts to take and

exercise dominion “over every living thing that moveth upon the earth,” through the preaching of the Word of God to the world, and the consequent subjugation of the enemy. Instead, they’ve all tried to “fit in” with the enemies of God and His Christ, in humiliating compromise.

So, I’m not endorsing a single one of these denominations. We are not to *schism* (i.e., make a denomination) out of parts and pieces of God’s Word, anyway, as this fractures the Body of Christ into opposing factions. Instead, we’re to take His *whole Word*, and fully integrate it into our lives until it becomes the predominant force and guide in our lives. Then we’re to spread that Word, far and wide.

We, as His image-bearing creation, were given *dominion* over this earth. And the most important part of that dominion was to implement His Word, and live by it, first, in our personal lives, then in our family life, and then in our locality and region, and finally, *nationally* and then *world-wide*.

Yes, the dominion we’ve been granted from *the very start* of His Word – and which sadly, we’ve become indifferent to in the hustle-and-bustle of life and the distracting lusts of the flesh -- was to be implemented *from the personal level to the national level, and every level in-between*, until the whole world was *subdued* under our heavenly Father’s Word.

We, as His image-bearers on this earth, were to do this. But again – and I’m not trying to be morose here, or beat a dead horse -- we’ve all-too-often failed miserably at it.

The Void

Worse yet, this failure to exercise our God-granted dominion has left a void. And whenever there’s a void left open, *something else* moves in to fill it. Usually, something quite evil.

It’s just as if you were to use your God-given power to command an evil spirit to come out of a person, in Jesus’ name (Luke 10:17), and then fail to fill the void that’s left within that person when the evil spirit leaves. Once the wicked spirit is cast out, you have to strengthen that person with the Word of God, which fills them with the Holy Spirit of God, so there’s no void – no empty space within them -- left for the evil spirit to re-enter with other spirits even more evil and powerful.

As the Scripture tells us, in Matthew 12:43-45, if the void within that person is left unfilled, that demon will return with “seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first.”

Well, in terms of our abject failure to exercise our God-granted dominion over this earth “and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth,” we’ve left a tremendous void, or vacuum of power, in our pathetic wake.

And that vacuum of power is being filled by Satan and his wicked children on this earth, as well as by the “familiar” among our own kind who have traitorously sold out to them, and who support them, including most of our political leaders, religious leaders, economic leaders and

educational leaders. Damn near every single one of them. Don't be fooled. [They're virtually all in on it. Including the ones you love most.](#)

In this way, Satan has taken over the four hidden dynasties of this earth through his henchmen – the political, economic, educational and religious -- that we, as God's image-bearers were *supposed* to have been subduing and exercising *dominion* over 'til He comes.

In abdicating our God-granted power of dominion, we've quite literally allowed Satan to become "the god of this earth" (II Corinthians 4:4).

Yes, he who bears the image and the name of death and hell (Revelation 6:8), has distracted our attention with frivolities, surreptitiously robbed us of our God-granted dominion, and transferred it to his children, the Kenites (i.e., the false Jew sons of Cain – Rev. 2:9 and 3:9), as well as to their traitorous, sell-out, antichrist supporters – who, taken altogether, constitute the "many antichrists" (I John 2:18) among us.

So, the proper question is *not* "Why has God allowed this?"

The proper question is, why have *we* allowed it? It has *always* been within our God-granted power to exercise that God-granted dominion, and to subdue this old earth under God's precious Word. And it *still* is. But we act like we're helpless to do so. It's as if we never heard of the dominion God has granted us as His image-bearers on this earth.

Listen to me: God will *not* do it for us. Not until the Second Advent, when He will do it on a massive, world-wide level, to demonstrate to the whole world that He is Sovereign Lord of all, and always has been. He is the Creator of all things.

Until that time, it's up to *us* to take back whatever little dominion we can from those who have usurped it from us. It's up to *us* to exercise our power from God on High to subdue and *hold dominion* over "every living thing that moveth upon the earth."

It's up to *us* to conquer the "weak and beggarly elements" of this earth (Galatians 4:9), which have so very cleverly stolen our dominion from us through deception and distraction.

It's up to *us* to follow God's Word, and make sure the "robbers of our people" who have "exalted themselves to establish the vision" do indeed fall flat on their faces as it's written in Daniel 11:14, in their ongoing attempt to take over the world *prematurely*, before their father the devil arrives in his role as the false messiah.

God is *not* at fault here. If God has "allowed" anything, it's because we, as His image-bearers on this earth, as His princes, and priests, have neglected our solemn God-given duty to *subdue* the earth and take *dominion*.

We've allowed wickedness and sin to flourish, where God's Word should have had the dominion all along. As God's image-bearers on this earth, instead of implementing the Dominion Covenant as we were supposed to, we've thrown up our hands, put our faith in a long string of

man-kings, including the latest one, and have given up on our solemn duty to subdue the earth and exercise that dominion on His behalf.

We've allowed the *enemies* of God to fill the void of power left open by us, stealing the dominion for themselves by subduing us with deception, and with the lusts of the flesh, *and finally, with an unproven virus that, if it even actually exists, is no more deadly than a common flu, for most.*

So, don't you dare blame God. The blame falls *solely* upon ourselves.

The Political Beast Goes Way Back

You know the story of God's People Israel, how, in the time of the judges, they rejected God's form of government through judges, [and lusted to have a man-king over them](#), just like the heathen nations had.

God's People rejected God's way, and gave up their personal, local, regional and national *dominion* to that which we now know as the political beast.

And in His utter disgust with them, God gave them over to a complete idiot, Saul, as their first man-king, to rule over them...exploit them...tax them...subjugate them...rob them of their freedoms...and take them into near-perpetual war with nations far and wide. Sound familiar?

But they didn't learn the lesson. They actually preferred *subjugation* to the political beast, because it relieved them of the risks of personal responsibility, rugged individuality, and their God-granted power of dominion.

They preferred to *take orders* from the political beast of that time, rather than exercise their own personal, familial and national dominion "over every living thing that moveth upon the earth," which was their heritage through the Dominion Covenant.

We're in that very same position today, with our Christian people still disdainful of their God-given dominion and insisting on having a man-king over them, to "save" them. It's utterly disgusting. We actually prefer the political beast, *even as that beast subjugates us and begins to swallow our rights and freedoms*, when we were supposed to subjugate *it* to God's Word and God's Way all along.

How Do We Take Back Dominion?

Dominion starts on the *personal* level. Then, the *family* level. Then, the *local* level. Then, the *regional* (or state) level. Then, the *national* level. Then, the *world* level.

Quite honestly, we'll likely never make it to the *world* level, at this point, because that's now Satan's domain, and subjugating it has become our heavenly Father's job, through Christ Jesus at His Second Advent.

We failed. But our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is going to accomplish that for Him, at His Second Advent. Then, the whole world will know who God is. And those who don't like it, can lump it.

But, in the meantime, we can do this:

Personal Dominion

First, we take dominion in our **personal lives**. We've given it up, for far too long. We've given it up to our flesh lusts.

We've given it up to our character defects.

We've given it up to television, internet, social media and other mindless forms of entertainment, making believe that it really makes a difference in our lives, when it does not.

We've given it up to our jobs or businesses, so that *they* run the course and direction our lives far more so than we do.

We've given it up to our doctors, so that they act like little gods in white smocks, filling us with poisons, as shortcuts to living truly healthy lifestyles.

We've given it up to our local, regional and state governments.

We've given it up to the federal behemoth, that's now part of the worldwide political beast, whether you accept that or not.

To all of these above-mentioned means, and more, we've given up our personal dominion and asked *the enemies of God* to exercise dominion over *us*, instead of *us* exercising dominion over *them*. And they have ruled over us, seizing the dominion that was once our own and wielding it against us. Gladly. And now we're paying the price for it.

Just as Israel rejected God and His original form of government through religious judges, and insisted instead on having *political* kings and other royalty to rule over them just like the heathen had, we've done the same. We've made petty little "gods" of our man-kings, and have cried "save me," to them, when it was within our God-granted power and authority to run the show, God's way, all along.

Unfortunately, those we've so willingly given our personal dominion to now act as petty and arbitrary tyrants, ruling over us with ruthless glee and abandon. They've taken that dominion, which we should never have given up in the first place, and they beat us with it like a cudgel on a regular basis.

But we can take back our personal dominion, through *self-responsibility* and old-fashioned *rugged individualism*. To do so, we first have to give up our self-imposed *helplessness*. We

have to take full responsibility on ourselves. We have to put on our big-boy and big-girl pants, and assume dominion as God's image-bearers, in our personal lives.

We have to throw out the leaven of hypocrisy, malice and wickedness that we've all-too-often embraced – even unwittingly -- and open ourselves fully to the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth (I Corinthians 5:8).

And once our own *self* is in order, we tell those exercising personal dominion over us to go throw a flying fling at a rolling donut. And we stand firm in that.

And if that's too damned much for us, then we might as well throw in the towel on all other forms of God-given and God-granted dominion, because God will *not* give any other level of dominion to us, until we conquer and subdue our very own selves *to His Word*. Period.

If we're out-of-control in our personal lives – and most of us are, one way or the other, and that usually also involves being in denial about the many ways we are – then God will simply let us wallow in it, and let it take its toll, until we hit rock bottom and finally look up to Him for help, humbly, and be willing to re-assert dominion to His Word, in and over our own lives rather than giving that dominion to others.

Just as *judgment* begins at the pulpit, so *dominion* begins on the personal level and cannot move to any other level until the personal level is under control.

Family Dominion

Then, we move to the **family level**, taking dominion there. Subduing the family to God's Word.

Look, I grew up in a Marine Corps household, and lived largely on base housing throughout the early years of my young life. And in the Corps, the saying was, "If a Marine can't control his family, he can't move up the chain until learns how."

And I assure you, my old career Marine Corps dad – a Gunnery Sergeant in charge of supplying the entire west coast with the supplies needed to keep our nation safe, in times of war and peace alike -- exercised rigid but loving control of his family. We must do the same over our own.

We must not allow, for example, the false communistic sociology of "It takes a village to raise a child," to permeate our family lives.

We must not give up control and education of our children to the educational beast system, which is grooming them to be serfs and slaves to the worldwide beast system, unable to think for themselves, but only able to regurgitate the latest politically correct mantras with solemn (but mistaken) conviction.

We must not allow our children to be sucked into the filth and perversion and Kabalistic alchemy so predominant now, in Prime Time TV, movies, cartoons, internet and more.

If your kids are already grown adults, with kids of their own, talk to them about the grandkids. Plant seeds of truth, gently.

If you screwed up when they were a young parent, have a heart-to-heart with your adult children, admit fault, apologize, tell them what you've learned, tell them you love them, and why, and then put it in God's hands without becoming obnoxious, demanding or angry at them if they aren't inclined to accept your overtures to help them assert their own dominion, at this point.

Kids get hurt. Deeply. And that hurt can last a lifetime if repair is not undertaken. It takes time and consistency on your part, which goes back to dominion #1, getting your own personal life in order and taking dominion over it, subduing it to God's Word of truth. Then do the same for family. Exercise dominion. Even if you have to do so on a gradual or even piecemeal basis. One step at a time.

Local Dominion

When the family life is finally under the dominion of God's Word, the family becomes a shining example to the *community*, which is the third level of dominion, **the local level**.

That's where we can get involved in community activities, for example, and become agents of positive change where it's needed. That's where we can team up with other like-minded Christian individuals, and families, and work to the betterment of the community as a whole.

We can, for example, stand up against attempts to implement Agenda 21-style policies on the local level, which are being implemented city-by-city now, across this once-great nation, under the guise of so-called "Sustainable Development." If you don't know what Agenda-21 and Sustainable Development is, then use your search engine and learn. You'll be stunned.

In a quick nutshell, it's about total control of your life, including where you can live, what you can and cannot do where you live, how far you can drive in any given space of time, how much electricity or gas you can use, who you can congregate with, how many children you can have, what kinds of foods you can eat, and ultimately, how well you can live. In the end, it's also about depopulation.

Learn about it, particularly if you care to begin asserting your God-granted dominion on the local level. Learning about Agenda 21 and "Sustainable Development," which is basically communism-lite, is a great place to start asserting Christian dominion, once you have your personal house and family house in order and under dominion.

I can't go into deeper detail on this level of dominion, in this short study on Christian Dominion. But you get the idea. You're not stupid. But if you're like all too many of us, you've given up way too much of your God-granted dominion. You've likely become unwilling to learn how to help subdue to God's Word the local community around you.

But it's high time to start taking back that dominion, after getting your own personal and family houses in order, because those who have stepped in to fill the void upon your abdication do *not* have your best interests at heart. Not even close.

Indeed, if you understand your Bible, you know by now that they utterly despise you, though they feign having only virtuous intentions toward you. They likewise hate your family, though they feign deep and abiding interest in your familial well-being. They hate your God. They hate your religion.

And ultimately, they want to rip the Christian moral foundation right out from under you and yours. If you're watching what's happening in this old world right now, *you're seeing it unfold right in front of your eyes*. And if you're submitting to it, when you should be *subduing* it and exercising *dominion* over it in your own life, then the shame is on you.

Don't you dare blame God. Don't you dare ask why He's "allowing" it, when it's you and millions of others of God's image-bearers, who are allowing it.

Our heavenly Father has already given us – and that means *you*, too -- the authority to deal with it. And not surprisingly, it's only when you finally begin *exercising* that authority – first on the personal and the family level – that He blesses your efforts, because He doesn't give authority without also giving the *dunamis power* to back it up when it's properly and responsibly exercised.

Regional and National Dominion

After the local level, then you have the **regional** (i.e., state) and the **national levels**. These levels get tricky, I admit, especially now, because they're largely political, and quite frankly, **it's high time to begin coming out of the political beast**, it having become so ungodly and corrupt now, as to be largely incurable (Nahum 3:19).

As the Scripture states of the beast system in the great book of Revelation:

Rev 18:4 Come out of her, my people, **that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.**

Read the last part of that verse, again. It's time to begin pulling out of the political beast. It's time to stop relying on a man-king – *any* man-king -- and instead, rely on God and His Word, and the distinct tug and unction of the Holy Spirit in your life. If you don't have it, *ask* Him for it, for goodness sake.

But what you *can* do, even now, is this:

You can decide where you want to *draw the line* against the encroachments and tyrannies of the political beast – on both the regional (or state) and national levels -- and then boldly draw that line, make it known where your line has been drawn. Then, prepare to take your stand should that line be breached by the tyrants.

Don't listen to preachers who cower behind their 501-3c tax-exempt statuses, and urge their followers to cave in to the beast system, saying "*Wear your masks. Stay home. Wash your hands. Don't be a rebel.*"

Mark these cowardly sell-out preachers who refuse to boldly lead the sheep in times of great peril like we're witnessing today, and who cancel their church services, going-along in order to get-along, so they can remain in the tax-exempt status they shouldn't be in, in the first place. They should know they cannot serve both God and mammon, simultaneously.

They demonstrate thereby that they don't trust the Lord enough to take a stand on His behalf. They demonstrate that their ministry is more important to them than God Himself. They apparently don't care about their God-given dominion. They bow, instead, to the whims of the now burgeoning political beast system. And they urge their congregations to do the same.

Always remember Christ's biting words about them:

Joh 10:12 But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.

Can you tell the difference between a hireling, and a shepherd? A shepherd leads *boldly* in time of grave crisis. A hireling hides behind his 501-3c tax-exempt status, and protects his own ass at the expense of the sheep, leaving them for the wolves to feed on. Think about it.

Drawing the Line

Look, if you don't want to wear masks, then *don't*. Assert your dominion, and don't wear the damned things. Draw the line, at your discretion.

Yes, there will ultimately be consequences. Things will get harder for you. But *that's* what personal responsibility, rugged individualism and personal and family dominion is all about. Serving God has never been a bed of roses, for anyone with true faith and conviction.

Don't want the vaccine? Assert your dominion and don't take the damned thing.

Are local schools giving the vaccine to children without parental consent? Pull your precious kids out of those anti-family, antichrist, hell-hole indoctrination centers and teach those kids yourself. Draw your lines. Assert your dominion.

Don't want to social distance? Then don't. It's silly. Trillions of viruses fall from the sky each day. There are billions of viruses in every cubic foot of air you breathe. No mask, no amount of social distancing, can stop them. So, grow up, get your mind right, and assert your dominion over "social distancing."

Or perhaps you don't feel it wise to force your family to slather cancer-causing disinfectant soaps on your hands all day long over a virus with a 99.5% survival rate? Then for goodness sakes, again, assert your personal dominion, draw the line where you see fit, and don't do these things.

And quit acting so helpless, and blaming God for your self-imposed fears and woes. He is *not* responsible for your lack of dominion. He gave you the right to assert your dominion "over every living thing that moveth upon the earth" in the first place.

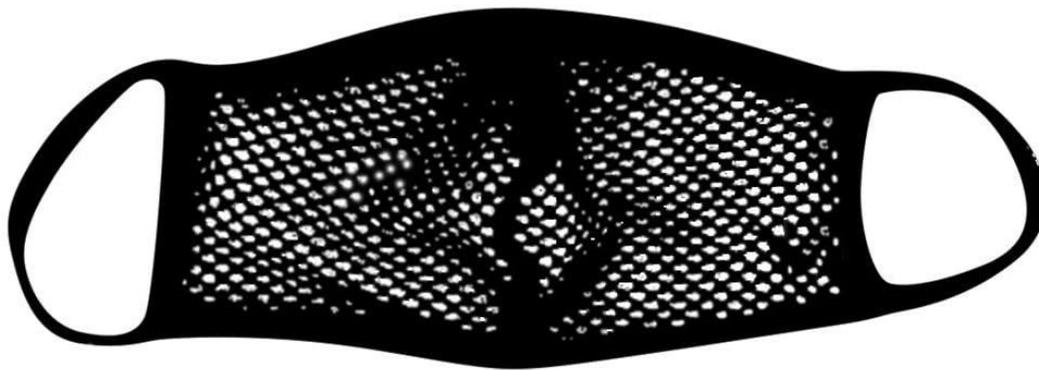
Look, I'm not telling you what to do, or how to take dominion in your life. It's not my job. My job is only to plant the seeds of truth, and let you do with them what you will. I cannot stand between you and God, on the judgment day. You stand (or fall) on your own. As do I.

But the very *least* we can do is assert our own personal dominion where we see fit, with common sense, and then work from there to expand it outward, as God always intended. We draw our own lines, and then hold the line, boldly, in Jesus' precious name. Then move that line a few more yards into enemy territory, each time we receive the unction of God to do so.

If you're in a situation where you can't assert full dominion, assert as much dominion as you can. Here's an example:

Recently, I had to wear a mask for four hours a day, for 21 days, to get cancer chemotherapy treatment in a medical facility that wouldn't let me in without a face mask on. Since the cancer has already devastated my physical body, eating up 80 pounds over a relatively short period of time, and spreading to my kidneys, I decided the risk was too great to my life, and to my family, to walk away from the chemotherapy treatment over a stupid mask mandate.

So, hating the smothering nature of the masks, and the control mechanism that's actually behind forced mask-wearing, I bought a *mesh mask* on Amazon, with mesh holes bigger than those in a fish net used to dip guppies out of an aquarium, and wore that each day, for four hours a day during treatment at the cancer center, so I could still breathe easy and assert at least a tiny bit of personal dominion under such trying circumstances.



Yes, the people in charge of the cancer center called me on it. And I laughed and said, "Well,

you're the ones who insist I wear a mask to enter your facility and receive treatment. This is the mask I'm wearing. If you don't like this one, I'll get one that goes over my eyes like Zorro."

They laughed, and never said another word to me about it. For 21 days.

You've got to do what you've got to do. But once more I'll say it: Don't blame God. We're the ones who have given up our God-granted dominion, and have gotten ourselves into this position. We've allowed them to run us, instead of We the People, running them. And we should be ashamed of ourselves.

The bottom line is that we're the *only* ones who can take back the God-granted dominion we've abdicated ourselves from, one small step at a time, on the personal, family, local, and maybe even regional (or state) and federal level if the ball finally gets rolling into a trend.

It's going to take guts, patience, persistence and unyielding trust in the God who granted us that dominion in the first place – the God who said He'd happily prefer it, if, at His Second Advent, He saw that fire of faithful opposition already kindled.

So, decide *where* to draw your lines, then draw them, and *stand firm* in them wherever and whenever you can. Exercise your dominion wherever and however you can.

Slowly but surely, we'll wear the bastards down. Frankly, they're scared shitless of us. They're afraid we'll *all* begin exercising our dominion at once, and cast them out of our lives, in the power of Christ, like the demon-infested, play-acting hypocrites they are, and take back that dominion they've slowly been robbing us of for decades now.

Pete, and Repeat

I'm going to do something I've never before done in a Bible study. I'm going to repeat, word-for-word, here at the end of this study, a small part of what I've already stated at the beginning.

I'm doing this, because I think it might make more sense, and have more personal impact, now that you've got the above material under your belt.

But more importantly, because you can't *assert* your dominion, if you don't *believe* that God's Word has already *given* you that dominion in the first place. So here goes:

Gen 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.

Gen 1:27 So God created man **in his own image, in the image of God created he him**; male and female created he them.

Gen 1:28 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.

“We are God’s image-bearers on this earth (i.e., “God created man in His own image”). And as such, just as our heavenly Father has dominion over the heavens, He gave *us* dominion over this earth, and over all of its inhabitants, i.e., “every living thing that moveth upon the earth.”

This is called “the Dominion Covenant.”

Let’s take a quick look at that word, “dominion,” and it’s meaning, in the original Hebrew:

H7287

רָדָה

râdâh

raw-daw'

A primitive root; to **tread down**, that is, **subjugate**; specifically to crumble off: - (come to, make to) **have dominion**, **prevail against**, **reign**, (bear, make to) **rule**, (-r, over), **take**.

As you can see from the definition of the Hebrew word *radah*, dominion means to subjugate. And it’s something that you have to *take*. That means *effort* is involved. Even a bit of risk. As one of God’s image-bearers, you have to *tread down* anything that stands in the way of your God-granted dominion. You have to *prevail against*, in order to rule and reign *over*.

Do you get it?

Take a look at Genesis 1:28, above, again. You’ll notice the word “subdue.” In order to *take* the dominion God granted us, you have to *subdue* that which might stand in the way of your dominion. Let’s look at the original Hebrew for that word, subdue, as well:

H3533

כָּבַשׁ

kâbash

kaw-bash'

A primitive root; ***to tread down***; hence negatively to disregard; **positively to conquer**, **subjugate**, violate: - **bring into bondage**, force, keep under, **subdue**, **bring into subjection**.

As you can see, “subdue” is translated from the Hebrew word *kabash*, which is from whence we get our English slang word *kibosh*, as in, “He put the kibosh to it,” meaning to put an end to something that’s in the way; to stop an impediment from impeding progress.

In order to seize the dominion God has clearly granted us from the very beginning, we have to *subdue* anything and everything that might be in the way. We have to tread it down, conquer it, subjugate it, bring it into bondage or under our subjection.

We are responsible to God for doing this. But because God granted the dominion, He in turn blesses our attempts at *subduing* and subjugating the impediments, whether they be a physical enemy, a personal weakness, a negative character trait...you name it.

Whatever’s in the way of our God-granted dominion, we, as God’s image-bearers, must first *subjugate* it. Put it under our feet. Trample it, if necessary. And then *take* the God-granted dominion, and rule and reign, just as Christ is going to do at His Second Advent.

I hope you now understand, accept, and above all, *believe* what your Father’s Word says on this subject.

I hope you start working to take back your lost dominion. I hope you’ll no longer remain indifferent to it, or abdicate from the solemn responsibility to the Great and Almighty Creator God Who gave it to you in the first place, and told you to exercise it, way back in Genesis chapter 1.

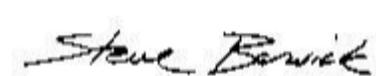
Let’s actually *be* what we are created to be: *God’s faithful, overcoming image-bearers on this earth*. Not a bunch of helpless sissies, crying out, “Why does God let this go on?” But instead, real men and women of the Most High God.

Let’s quit abdicating our God-granted dominion to the Godless, demon-infested, Luciferian scum who have stolen it from us all. Let’s quit leaving such a huge void for Satan’s demons to fill, through their flesh henchmen on this earth.

I hope you can see that dominion over this old earth is *yours*, now and forever, in Christ. It always has been, if you’re faithful and true to God’s precious Word. But how can you be considered faithful, if you abdicate your dominion, which God *Himself* granted you in the opening chapter of Genesis?

It’s yours. But *only* if you want it. And *only* if you’re bold and courageous enough to assert it – risks, responsibilities and all -- everywhere you can, in any way you can, responsibly, of course, and, yes, peacefully where at all possible.

Regards in Christ,



Steve Barwick

Sign up [here](#) to receive notifications of Steve's News & Current Events Commentaries, as well as notifications when new in-depth Bible studies are posted. You'll also receive a free copy of Steve' in-depth Bible study, *The Four Parts of God's Plan*, when you sign up.

© Copyright 2021. Have Ye Not Read? is an independent Christian Bible study ministry unaffiliated with any church or denomination.