



Section 1 LESSON 2

Our Loss of Kinship and Authority

This lesson will focus on:

- 1. How we were created**
- 2. Our loss of kinship & authority**
- 3. God's plan for restoration**

1. HOW WE WERE CREATED

Adam's original state was as the son of God. He oversaw the earth and had authority over it (see *Gen. 1:26-28*). This means that he had access to all His Father's land and had the rights and power over that his Father had made. The bible says that Adam was God's son *Luke 3:38... Adam, which was the son of God.*

As an example, let's think about the parent-child relationship in general: when your children are born they come home to live where you live. As they grow, they have access to what's yours: they can eat your food, sleep in the bed that you paid for, bathe in your bathtub, and ride in your car – all without paying for anything! As they grow, they claim ownership to what is yours (i.e. "our car"). This is the kind of personal relationship that God had with Adam and wanted to have with all of Adam's children, which includes us!

Genesis 1:28 (KJV) *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.*

Romans 8:14 *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*

These scriptures denote that God placed us in charge of the earth, the sea and everything above the earth in the atmosphere. That's right, Adam and Eve were made and given full control of it all! There was no fear, sickness, need or lack...by the way, there was no death!! If there was such a thing as home videos back then, we could look at theirs and see what real paradise was like. They had it all.

2. OUR LOSS OF KINSHIP AND AUTHORITY **(Kinship = family relationship/ Authority = Dominion-power based on right)**

At this point, we all know that something had to go terribly wrong with this Adam, because few people today can say that they live in paradise – not just with their physical surroundings – but also with respect to living without fear, sickness, need, or lack. Adam and Eve had been given dominion according to *Genesis 1:28*; for God had said for them to subdue the earth and have **dominion** (rule, manage or control) over everything above the earth, on it and in the seas.



How did Adam and Eve lose the **relationship, authority and Dominion-power** over the earth and all that is within it? By being disobedient (see *Gen. 2:17* and *Gen 3:1-6*). These scriptures relate how God told them not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil; for if they did they would surely be cut off from “life” and die to the things of the kingdom of God. God is a good Father, and all good fathers give their children limits. These limits are not placed to keep the child from having fun or enjoying themselves, but to protect them from what the father knows is coming up ahead.

Let’s ask the question again – only let’s go deeper in our response...let’s meditate on the first seven verses in **Genesis 3** again. How did Adam and Eve lose the relationship, authority and Dominion-power over the earth and all that is within it – and how did they die? First of all, they were kicked out of the beautiful garden that seeded and watered itself, and they were removed from living in paradise (perfect climate, free food, etc.) and from all that was readily available there (see *Genesis 3:23-24*). That was death (...*for the wages of sin is death Romans 6:23*); Secondly, they were introduced to hard work and pain (see *Genesis 3:16–19*). That was death as well, and not at all the type of lifestyle that they were created to enjoy. **Most importantly though, they died spiritually**, losing their fellowship with Father God.

You see, we are spirit beings, just like God (see *Genesis 1:26*): we live IN houses called bodies, we POSSESS a soul (our mind, our will and our emotions), **but we ARE spirits**. Our spirit is the core of who we are – the essence of life. Our spirit is what communicates with God and how He communicates with us. This is the part of Adam and Eve that died. You see, we were created in the image and likeness of God, who is a Spirit, and if we have communication and relationship with Him, we are alive. It was through Adam’s disobedience that they (and we) lost that intimate relationship – life – and gained fear, pain, lack, anxiety, sickness – death.

Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

At this point, mankind was lost to eternal life of joy, peace, righteousness, health and everlasting life. Adam’s state was that of being “lost.” Adam passed this “lost state” to all his descendants, which includes us. Again, just as we pass down our attributes to our children, Adam passed down the attribute of sin to us all, making us all sinners by default. At this point, we were all in need of some serious intervention... ***For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23).***

3. GOD’S PLAN FOR RESTORATION

In *Genesis 3:15*, after Adam and Eve had: 1) disobeyed God, 2), listened to and followed the serpent and 3) lost their relationship along with eternal life with God, they died to the abundance and prosperity that had been theirs. ***Genesis 1:31 And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.*** This was not the will of the Father, and just like any father would rescue his child from death, God made preparation for His children’s recovery. Having made the earth, sun, moon, stars, animals, plants, oceans, rivers, etc., the only creation that God made to be just like Him was man. Do you think He would so easily let him remain lost?

God always has a plan to turn the situations of His children around for their good. Many people get discouraged because, like Adam & Eve, they are living with the pain or consequence of sin – sometimes sin that’s not even their fault. Be encouraged – whatever your issues are and whatever you may have to deal with –

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God has a plan, a **master plan** that goes beyond what you could even dream up. In this situation with Adam and Eve, God spoke a word (His plan) that guaranteed that through the woman that Satan had deceived would come a seed that would bruise his head. The head is that which rules the entire body or government of the system that one oversees.

Genesis 3:15 *And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*

Genesis 12:3 *And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.*

MEMORIZATION SCRIPTURE:

Note: All memorization scriptures will be given in King James Version (KJV) and the New International Version (NIV). You are only required to memorize one of the versions.

Joshua 1:8 (KJV) This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Joshua 1:8 (NIV) Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

LESSON 2 TAKE AWAYS:

Knowledge: 1. God leads and guides us by His Spirit according to His purpose for our lives. Jesus gives us the promise of restoring ourselves back to the status of being in control through Him, of all things pertaining unto the earth via our Knowledge (information) and obedience to Him.

Understanding/Revelation: 2. A major criteria for being led is knowing when God is speaking. If we are to walk in our inheritance, we must agree with God and His word. Just as Adam and Eve had to have been depressed in looking at the realities of their new “lower state” which they inherited in “darkness” after disobeying God; we can look forward with faith and expectations at what He has prepared for us through our use of the knowledge we have from hearing God and then the “what and how” of how we use the knowledge attained from hearing God to get results needed in our lives. (see *1 Corinthians 2: 9-10*)

Application: We already have experience with our loss of kinship and authority that came from Adam’s sin. It is now for us to begin exercising and experiencing our “gain of kinship and authority” through the work of Jesus.