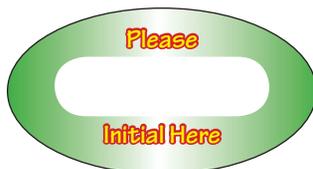


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*When God fully recovers the earth
it will be a most wonderful place.*



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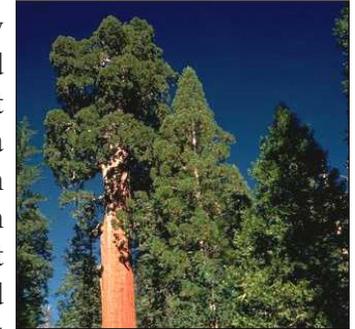
God's Creation

- Lesson Eighteen -

The Heavens and the Earth Are for Man (7)

I. Overview.

In the previous lesson, we saw that God called a man named Abraham to Himself. Out of Abraham He raised up a nation called Israel to be His own people. God promised Abraham that his descendents would inherit the Good Land. This was how God began to recover the earth for His purpose.



*God's intention is to
fully regain the earth.*

God made a further move towards regaining the earth by coming to become a man Himself. This man, who is God Himself, is Jesus Christ, who was born out of the nation of Israel. Jesus Christ died on the cross to pay for the sins of all mankind. This redeemed man and opened the door for all men to be brought back to God. The people who are brought back to God are called the church. Through the church, God is regaining the earth for Himself. When the church is grown enough God will establish His kingdom on the earth.

II. Memory Verse.

“Go therefore and disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

(Matt. 28:19)

III. Lesson.

God began to regain the earth for Himself by raising up the nation of Israel among the descendents of Abraham. The nation of Israel is wonderful, but only occupies a tiny strip of land which God promised to them. God desired to regain the entire earth for Himself.

God Comes as A Man Named Jesus Christ

In order to continue with His plan to regain the earth, God Himself came to be a man named Jesus Christ. His plan is to redeem fallen man back to Himself through dying on the cross and shedding His precious blood. Those people who believe in Him and receive His salvation become the church. The church is like a new nation. Actually, the church is the beginning of the kingdom of the heavens.

The believers in the church receive God's life and God grows in them. The church will continue to grow until the Lord can easily move through the church. When the Lord gains the church to a certain extent, He will return to the earth to setup His kingdom. For many centuries the genuine church life had become lost, but it is now being recovered. Throughout



The church contains God's life and will grow up until the Lord can move through it.

the last few centuries, the Lord has been recovering the church life, and this recovery continues even to today.

The Lord is gaining people all over the earth to be His kingdom. This is the way that God will eventually recover the whole earth. The church will work to recover the earth to a certain extent. Then through bringing His kingdom to the

earth, God will continue to gain the earth. It will be through the kingdom that God will fully gain man and the earth.

Today we should do whatever we can to cooperate with the Lord for the building up of the church. As children, we should do our best to cooperate with our parents as they seek the Lord for the building up of the church. We should also keep ourselves from worldly things that cause damage to the church. We should pray for the church and read and study God's Word. In this way the Lord will be able to continue moving forward in His recovery of the church life. This will eventually result in the Lord's return and His regaining of the earth to the full extent through His kingdom.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. What was the first part of the earth regained by God?

2. How does God plan to continue to gain the earth for Himself?

3. What will happen when the church is grown up?

4. What will the Lord accomplish through His kingdom?

