Man is to Represent God

Man is so important to God. God can only be fully expressed by man and His authority can only be fully represented by man. Man was to rule over the earth and care for the earth. Man was to care for all the animals and have dominion over them.

The Bible tells us that all authority comes from God. Eventually, man has established different forms of human governments that are all in some way based on God giving man authority to rule.

God's authority in man can also be seen in other places like in our schools and in our families. Although God gave man authority, He knew that man also had to be under authority. This is why God has given us our parents and teachers.

The authority of the government of the United States is an example of man receiving authority from God.

God's Work of Creation is Almost Finished

You would think that after God had created so many things, and He finally had a man in His own image and with His likeness and His authority, that God would be satisfied. But God wasn't completely happy. The man whom He had created was all alone. In next week's lesson we will talk about what God did about Adam being all alone. We will also see that this is very much related to what God wants for Him-

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od's intention in creating man was that man would be His expression. God also needed man to rule on the earth for Him. So not only did God give man His image so man would look like God, but God also gave man dominion. This means that man would rule over the entire earth and all the animals on the earth.

Genesis 1:26b says "And God said... 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." When God created man He set man as the highest creature in His creation. All of the other creatures were to be under man and man was to rule over them. God's intention in doing this was so that man could represent God in God's authority.

Man to Rule the Earth



Even though man was smaller than many of the animals, all the animals respected man. They all knew that man was much higher than them. The recognized that man was in God's image, that man was like God. For this reason the animals were subject to man.

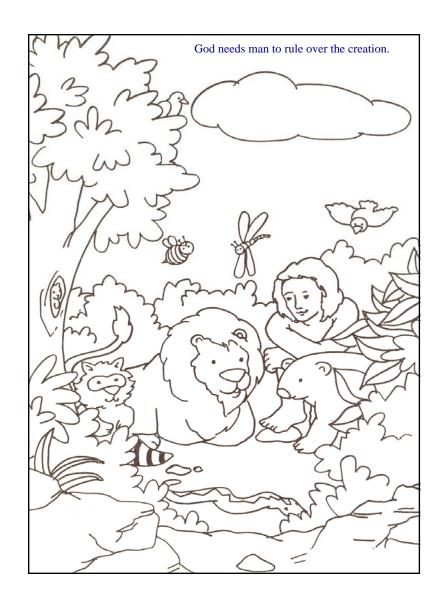


God's Need for Man to Rule for Him

God not only loved man very much but God also needed man. God created the heavens and the earth, but remember,



Lucifer who became God's enemy Satan, made a mess of the entire creation. So God needed man to work together with Him to put things back in order. For man to be able to work together with God in this way, God had to give man His authority, His dominion. God, together with man, will put all things back in the right order in the entire creation. This will make God very happy!



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