**KINGDOM WAS AND IS OUR PURPOSE**

**Text:**

* Gen 1:26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."
* Gen 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.
* Gen 1:28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.

**INTRO:**

* Gen 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have **dominion (kingdom)** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."
* Mamlakah-kingdom, sovereignty, dominion, reign (Strong’s 4467)
* Psalm 115:16 The heaven, [even] the heavens, [are] the LORD's; But the earth He has given to the children of men.
* Since OUR God is unchanging God, His intention or purpose for us is still the kingdom.

**AIM:**

* FOR US TO UNDERSTAND GOD’S PURPOSE IN OUR LIFE
* FOR US TO LIVE A LIFE OF KINGDOM PURPOSE

**I. DEFINITION OF PURPOSE**

* Is the original intent for the creation of a thing,
* The original reason for the existence of a thing
* The end for which the means exist
* The cause for the creation of a thing
* The desired result that initiates production
* The need that makes a manufacturer produce a specific product
* The destination that prompts the journey
* The expectation of the source
* The objective for the subject
* The object one wills or resolves to have.

**II. OUR GOD IS A GOD OR PURPOSE**

* Everything He created was with a purpose
* **DAY1 CREATION**
* God created the heavens and the earth-Gen 1:1
* Darkness was on the face of the deep-v 2
* God said let there be light-v 3
* God divided the light from darkness-v 4
* God saw that it was good-v 4
* God called the light Day-v 5
* He called darkness Night-v 5
* **DAY 2 CREATION**
* Firmament in the midst of the waters-v 6
* To divide the waters from waters-v 6
* God called the firmament Heaven
* **DAY 3 CREATION**
* Waters gathered in one place-v 9
* Dry land appeared
* Dry land was called Earth-10
* Gathering of waters He called Seas-10
* And God saw that it was good-v 10
* Earth’s purpose was to bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit
* **DAY 4 CREATION**
* He said let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens TO DIVIDE THE DAY FROM THE NIGHT-v 14
* Let them for signs and seasons, and for days and for years
* Let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens TO GIVE LIGHT ON THE EARTH
* Then God made 2 great lights
* The greater light TO RULE THE DAY
* The lesser light TO RULE THE NIGHT-V 16
* God set them in the firmament of the heavens TO GIVE LIGHT ON THE EARTH-V 17
* TO RULE OVER THE DAY AND OVER THE NIGHT, and
* TO DIVIDE THE LIGHT FROM DARKNESS
* And God saw that it was good-v 18
* **DAY 5 CREATION**
* Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures-v 20
* Birds fly above the earth…
* God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves-v 21
* And God saw that it was good- 21
* **DAY 6 CREATION**
* God said, let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind
* Cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth according to its kind
* And God saw that it was good-v 25
* Then God said, “Let us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness-v 26
* FOR WHAT PURPOSE?
* **TO HAVE DOMINION(KINGDOM)**
* Then God blessed them and said to them-v 28
* **TO BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY**
* **TO FILL THE EARTH AND SUBDUE IT (REPLENISH)**
* **TO RULE OVER THE EARTH**
* Luke 6:33 "And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.
* Luke 6:34 "And if you lend [to those] from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back.
* Luke 6:35 "But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil.
* Then God saw that everything He had made , and indeed it was very good-v 31
* **DAY 7**
* REST DAY
* TO TILL THE GROUND-Gen 2:5
* Mat 13:37 He answered and said to them: "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.
* Mat 13:38 "The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked [one].
* Luke 10:2 Then He said to them, "The harvest truly [is] great, but the labourers [are] few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest.
* TO INHABIT THE EARTH- Gen 2:8
* It is not His intention for us to leave the earth and go to heaven as He has brought the Kingdom of heaven to us.
* TO TEND AND KEEP THE GARDEN-v 15
* Adam and Eve’s first sin was to allow the existence of the devil in the
* garden.

**III. PURPOSE IS THE BASIS OF SUCCESS**

* When the Bible tells us that God saw His creations and said, “Indeed it was good”, it means it serves its purpose.
* If you don’t serve your purpose, you’re not good or YOU’RE GOOD AS NOTHING.
* Success is not what others say we are.
* It’s not based on we’ve gained, acquired, achieved, possessed, or
* accumulated.
* Luke 12:15 And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.“
* Success is mission accomplished, Purpose being done.
* Purpose is what makes us fulfilled and satisfied.
* Illustration of a rich man who commit suicide.
* His life was unfulfilled

**V. LOVE IS THE FULFILMENT OF THE LAW**

* Rom 13:8 Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.
* Rom 13:9 For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if [there is] any other commandment, are [all] summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."
* Everyone knows what he was, but he still don’t “know why he was”
* He’d rather die that to live and not know why.
* Ecclesiastes 1:2 "Meaningless! Meaningless!" says the Teacher. "Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.“

**IV. KINGDOM IS STILL OUR PURPOSE**

* No wonder He commands us to seek it first.
* Live a life of significance or purpose
* Pro 19:21 Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.
* V. SOME OTHER UNIVERSAL PURPOSE
* Psalm 148:5 Let them praise the name of the LORD, For He commanded and they were created.
* Rev 4:11 "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honour and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.“
* To bear the image and likeness of God.

**CHALLENGE:**

* Do you now understand why you were born?
* Would you still insist on your own purpose?
* Would you live a life of purpose?

**CONCLUSION:**

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