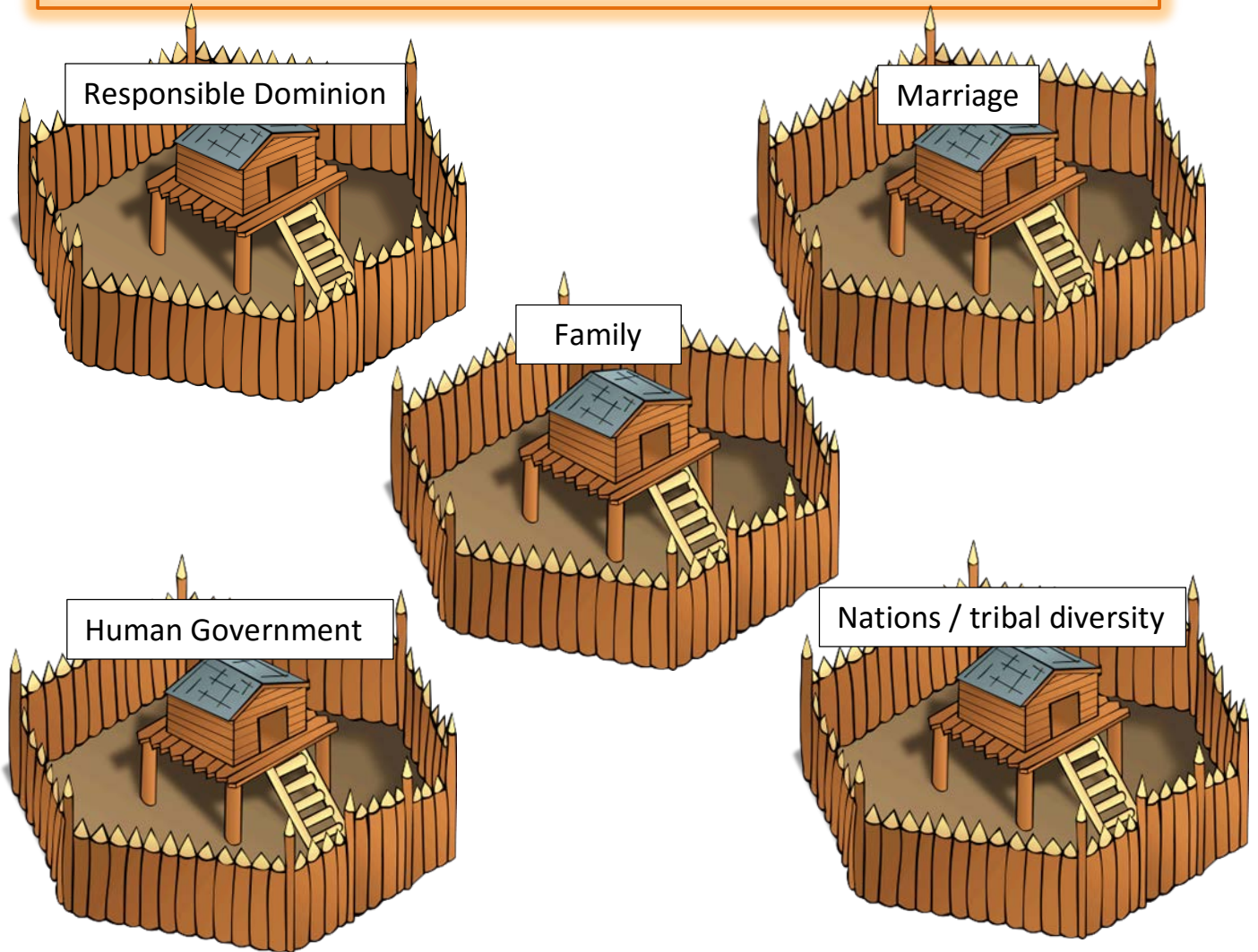


THE FIVE DIVINE INSTITUTIONS



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The Absolute Social Structures for Mankind

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If you do not know for sure about where you will spend eternity, the first issue for you is to place your faith alone in Christ alone and receive eternal life.

John 6:47 (NKJV) Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life.

John 5:24 (NKJV) "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

John 3:36 (NKJV) He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NASB) ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; ⁹ not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

To believe is simply this: to be convinced that it is true. To believe in Jesus is to be convinced that it is true that He alone is the only one who can give you the free gift of unconditional eternal life. The gift of eternal life, first and foremost, means that one lives with God forever after this life is ended. Jesus Christ, who is God come in human flesh, died on the cross as our spiritual substitute bearing the full penalty for our sin. When a person knows they cannot qualify for eternal life through the good works of self-effort or the rituals of any church or religion, and when a person knows that unconditional eternal life comes from believing in Jesus alone for that life, at that moment they receive eternal life absolutely free. This life can never be lost for any reason.

If you have received the free gift of eternal life through faith alone in Christ alone, then before you begin any Bible study you must be sure you in fellowship with God and filled with the Holy Spirit. The method for this is to simply follow 1 John 1:9:

1 John 1:9 (NASB) If we confess our [known] sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our [known] sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness [any other sins we fail to recognize as sin or have forgotten about].

Failure to be open and honest in naming and citing our sins means we cannot be transformed by Bible Doctrine and advance in the faith to spiritual maturity.

John 4:24 (NASB) "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

Romans 12:1-2 (NASB) ¹ Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

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THE FIVE DIVINE INSTITUTIONS OR THE DOCTRINE OF DIVINE ESTABLISHMENT

Genesis 1:1

God created all things, including time, and He established the Five Divine Institutions we will study: He alone is the sovereign Creator and He alone is the absolute authority (**Psalm 135:5-6**). The human viewpoint idea of the “Big Bang” (the magical “something coming from nothing” and “order coming from disorder”) and evolution of man from some lower form of biological life (including the anti-science idea that “life from non-life” or spontaneous generation into biological life from the non-biological “ooze”) over long periods of time is simply not true. That’s the “goo-to-you” idea that believes “time-and-chance” created everything accidentally and, as a result, many refuse to acknowledge there is a Creator God to whom all human beings are accountable. Man’s opinion has been elevated to the position of highest authority above the Word of God. Beloved, such macro-evolution is a made-up story not history: true history is what we find in the Bible. To disbelieve that is foolishness. God created the world for man to live in and for the world to support man.

When God says in Genesis 1 that the various aspects of creation are “good” and then, at completion, “very good,” (**Genesis 1:31**) *He is stating He is satisfied that His creation is complete for its purpose* (see **Genesis 2:1**) which is to support mankind (see **Genesis 2:8-9, 15, 19-20** the first act of science!); **Isaiah 35:1-2; Amos 9:13; Romans 8:19-22**). “Good,” in this context, does not mean “moral good.”

Genesis 1:27 / 2:7 – breath of life (soul / spirit – the real you inside). God did not give this breath from Him to any animal. Human beings are in no way physically related to any of the animals (*contra* evolution).

Creation: Job 38:4-7; Psalm 8:3-4, 19:1, 148:5; Isaiah 40:12, 26, 28; Nehemiah 9:6; Hebrews 1:2, 11:3; John 1:3; Colossians 1:16; Revelation 4:11 – **He is God alone:** Psalm 33:13-14; Isaiah 43:10, 44:6, 45:5, 18

The Bible's Two Levels of Reality

THE CREATOR / CREATION DISTINCTION

GOD – CREATOR

CREATION – EVERYTHING ELSE

The universe is not the same as God and God is not the same as the universe. The Creator is completely distinct and separate from His creation. God is a completely different being from the creation. This stands in contrast to pagan religions and modern evolutionary thinking where all that exists, even any "god," is part of the material order, sharing the same essence (the unity of all), and there is no intelligent Creator who is outside the material universe. This belief results in the worship of the creation. The truth is that the creation had a definite beginning when God created it from nothing and will have a definite end. He is the uncreated Creator who has always existed without beginning or end and is the absolute power and authority over His creation. Man is accountable to his Creator.

CREATION – TWO ASPECTS

INVISIBLE (TO MAN) SPIRIT WORLD

VISIBLE MATERIAL WORLD

Evil originated in the invisible creation and by man spread voluntarily into the visible. Evil had a definite beginning with the rebellion of Satan - a created being - and will have a definite end. Man followed Satan into rebellion in the Garden of Eden. A part of evil is Satan's consistent attacks on God's Five Divine Institutions.

Man is both visible (material human body) and invisible (soul/spirit). Man is the only part of the biological creation that was created in the image of God and he stands above, and is distinct from, all the rest of the creation. Man is not a part of nature in any evolutionary sense even though there are similarities between man and animals for we have a common Creator: man is separate and different from all the animal creation and has a different eternal purpose.

The Bible tells us what is real!

The Five Divine Institutions are a part of the Creator's plan for man. These absolute social structures were established by God, who is the sovereign absolute authority, and not man. These laws of divine establishment are revealed in His Word. These social institutions of society are not purely arbitrary inventions invented by man that can then be radically re-engineered by man whenever he so desires. The Bible is not a storybook; rather, it defines for us the exact structure of reality.

Authority

God alone is the sovereign and total authority over all His creation. He is the omniscient and omnipotent God who designed and ordered all of His creation to operate in a certain manner in both the physical and social world. His order includes the outworking of His plans in human history and man cannot frustrate that plan (**Psalm 33:10-11; Proverbs 19:21; Isaiah 14:27, 25:1**). God could have all authority for Himself and have humanity simply be little more than machine-like robots but, instead, He chose to delegate His authority to man in the Five Divine Institutions. Humanity thus stands in a privileged status unique in the plan of God. Because of this status man is responsible to support the Five Divine Institutions and the system of authority God established within each of these Institutions. Since man is responsible he is also accountable to God the Creator and will one day have to give an account to Him (**Psalm 98:9; Acts 17:31; Romans 2:5; 1 Peter 4:5**). Part of man's accountability will be on his acceptance, promotion, and protection of the Five Divine Institutions because man is accountable to God for all His established principles.

Volition – the reality that surrounds the Five Divine Institutions

Volition definition: 1) The act of choosing, willing, or resolving; 2) A choice or decision made by the will of an individual. Volition is also called “free will.”

Part of God's creation of His intelligent creatures (angels and humanity) is free will. Our focus in this study is on human volition rather than that of angels. For more information on the angelic volition please see the study entitled “The Angelic Conflict” which can be accessed at www.doctrinepastor.com.

Genesis 2:16-17; Joshua 24:15: Human free will, or volition, is both the divinely given right and ability to choose to be dependent upon God and His Word or to act independently of God and His Word. The individual has the right, the God-given authority, to make certain decisions and to be responsible for those decisions. There are consequences to every decision, both positive and negative. God does not force people to think and act in any specific way. *Responsibility and accountability require freedom: from the creation God has given this freedom to humanity.*

God created the world for man to live in and for the world to support man – that is its purpose. When God says in Genesis 1 that the various aspects of creation are “good” and then, at completion, “very good,” (**Genesis 1:31**) He is stating He is satisfied that His creation is *complete for its purpose* (see **Genesis 2:1**) *which is to support mankind.*

Divine Institutions: The Laws of Divine Establishment

God has given mankind five things – five divine institutions, five “forts” - to protect and to provide for humanity in society. “The laws of divine establishment are designed to protect societies which are made up of believers and unbelievers alike. These laws are designed to protect evangelization and the teaching of Bible doctrine (Acts 17:26=27); and they are also designed to protect the freedom, privacy and property of believers and unbelievers alike. Adherence to these laws both protects and advances a

society....the laws of divine establishment provide for man the best system of freedom for all mankind. ”
(www.kukis.org)

The word “institution” simply means something that has been established (set in to place) for a certain purpose. A “social structure” is the distinctive, stable arrangement of institutions whereby human beings in a society interact and live together. While there may be many different such social structures in any given society, the Five Divine Institutions are social structures which have their origin, their establishment, in the sovereign Creator-God and they are “built in” to man. That this last statement is true can be seen in how these five social structures are have existed throughout time and are universal in every culture and people group. *God established these Five Divine Institutions in the very mental structure of man – his basic nature -which explains why these five are found in every society throughout time.*

Obviously, human viewpoint conflicts with the divine viewpoint. Human viewpoint states that these social structures simply developed (or evolved) over time in various ways in various cultures and thus they can be re-defined and changed by man whenever man desires. However, the Bible declares this human viewpoint to be simply untrue.

Charlie Clough: "Divine institutions are real absolute structures built into man's social existence"

Todd Kennedy: Divine institutions are "universal policies and practices for society that God set up for the preservation, protection, and blessing of the human race."

God has set up (ordered) the social structures (practices, customs) of society to operate in a certain way (God's revealed will) for the preservation (the good) of society. The divine institutions are (1) to protect human society in the angelic conflict, (2) to protect human individual freedom, (3) to insure population expansion, (4) to provide for the orderly functioning of society, (5) to guard the training of future generations, and (6) to demonstrate human responsibility to established authority – first and foremost to divine authority. God created man to operate within these divine institutions and thus bears a serious responsibility to support these institutions as part of his managing the earth under the authority of his Creator-God.

"The fall did not change any of the divine institutions; instead it is corrupted man who misuses them" (Ice). In His omniscience God knew that man would rebel and fall into sin and planned these absolute social structures before creation ever began. *When God established the divine institutions, and his order within the institutions, He was fully aware of all of humanity's mistakes and failures.* The failure of imperfect, sinful, and rebellious man to properly abide by these Divine Institutions does not give anyone the right to turn against them – most especially this is true of believers.

These five institutions were created by God, thus divine, but they apply to all mankind believer and unbeliever alike. It is critical that this point be understood! In other words, these basic social structures did not evolve through time but are God-ordained (established). Furthermore, these are not based on

religion, they are based on creation. When the five divine institutions are not followed the result will always be individual confusion, social turmoil, and will eventually lead to the destruction of a society. As in many things God has ordered, men and women, in rebellion, can *deny* the Truth of the Divine Institutions, and they can *violate* the Truth of the Divine Institutions, but they can never *change* the Truth of the Divine Institutions into some “new truth.” God’s Truth is absolute Truth. Never forget that the Bible defines reality.

A Divine Institution is different from the Church which is a Christian Institution established by God and is for believers only.

The first three of the five Divine Institutions have been in existence since Adam and Eve, the last two came later. The first three are the most basic of all social structures. The last two protect man after the fall from destroying itself through world-wide rebellion against God and total control by Satan. The Five Divine Institutions will continue on through the Millennial Kingdom reign of the Lord Jesus Christ with a modification in Institutions four and five (we will note the differences below).

Genesis 3:1-7: When man sinned Satan immediately began to build his system of thinking the basis of which are seen in these verses. At its heart this thinking operates in independence from God’s Word.

1 John 2: 16 The word translated “world” is *cosmos* and here it refers to the satanic cosmic system. Lewis Sperry Chafer refers to this as the *cosmos diabolicus* because Satan (the Devil) is the head of this world system.

Dean and Ice, in their book Spiritual Warfare, explain the biblical significance of this word. Referring to it as “worldliness” they write:

Worldliness [non-biblical thinking, human viewpoint, the thinking of the satanic cosmic system] is an organized and attractive system of ideas, concepts, attitudes, and methods that Satan uses to compete with God’s concept of how people should live on planet earth. Satan is the head and controller of this system of thinking. Whenever we think like the world, we are thinking exactly like Satan wants us to think...Worldliness is presented as something beautiful, desirable, and enlightening...The cosmic system is Satan’s window dressing, presenting evil in a way which seems like the good, right, and proper thing to do. When a person is not trusting God’s Word to direct him, it is very easy for him to be deceived into adopting worldly thinking. Because Satan is a beautiful creation of God, he is able to present evil as a beautiful thing. Thus, we see an affinity between human viewpoint, cosmic thinking, and satanic philosophies.

James 3:15 – all that is in the world is composed of these three parts: earthly (the thought is focused on the earth not the eternal realities), natural (coming out of man’s fallen sin nature operating in arrogant independent of God and His Word), and demonic (the true source of such thinking). This parallels **1 John 2:16**. This verse contrasts wisdom (the application of learning to the everyday aspects and challenges of

life) that comes from Scripture with that which comes from the individual, the society, or the culture. **Behind every thought that goes contrary to Scripture is the thinking of Satan.**

There is no “third option”! It is either God-thinking or demonic-thinking (Satanic thinking). All human wisdom is equated with demonic thinking! The thinking of Satan glorifies the creature over the Creator: God and His Word have no real significance for us. We can solve problems without Scripture. We can improve our lives both individually and corporately as a nation without the Scriptures and the God of the Scriptures. We think we can figure out reality without paying attention to and rejecting the Word of God including the reality of the five divine institutions (divine establishment). This is all satanic thinking.

The Five Divine Institutions

1. RESPONSIBLE DOMINION MANDATE
2. MARRIAGE
3. FAMILY
4. CIVIL GOVERNMENT
5. TRIBAL DIVERSITY (NATIONS)

We will note that every Divine Institution has a system of authority.

1. **Responsible Dominion Mandate - Genesis. 1:26-30; 2:15-17; Psalm 8:3-8; Hebrews 2:5-8; 1 Corinthians 6:2-3**

The Bible's Two Levels of Creation

MANKIND

Unique: CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

Unique: GOD-BREATHED LIFE

Unique: CREATED TO RULE UNDER GOD OVER THE EARTH

Unique: CREATED TO EVENTUALLY RULE OVER ALL GOD'S CREATION

ALL OTHER CREATION VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE

In the original mandate given in Genesis man is given authority only over the earth; however, that authority is expanded in Psalm 8:3-8 and Hebrews 2:6-8. This is further expanded to include the angelic creation (“all things”) in the above verses and is seen in 1 Corinthians 6:2-3. We will see that the salvation that God offers to man has a goal. Salvation is not an end in itself; it is to enable man to fulfill his original purpose as the lord of creation under the Lord, his Creator.

As part of the predesigned perfect plan of God for His created order, we reflect God's function in sharing His rule over creation. In this function we have the unique capacity to represent God as his vice-regent over planet earth managing it under God's authority. In this divinely-given mandate man's ruler/workmanship is for the glory of God and the good of man and this will be beneficial for all creation. Man is *not* the autonomous owner of nature, God is; man is only the under-lord, the steward who is to obey the owner's instructions.

The German writer Eric Sauer writes this excellent paragraph in his work The King of the Earth: The High Calling of Man in Redemption:

God is especially the *God of mankind*. The whole creation-narrative is “anthropocentric,” that is, it places man in the center of the whole and makes him unmistakable appear as the goal of the entire of the entire creative activity of God, as the head and crown of all visible, created beings. Even Nietzsche said, “Man is the reason for the world.” He is the keystone and the goal of creation. Thus the very first page of the Bible is a reference to the dignity of the human race, a testimony to our calling to man's nobility (p.42)

The main point of the Responsible Dominion Mandate is that man, under the authority of the Word of God, is responsible to work to make the world a better and more productive place for man to live – Genesis 2:15. Though the world was perfect for God's intent for man, it still had to be worked for the betterment of man. **Genesis 2:8:** What is the first thing God did in His created world? He set the example for man's productive work by planting a garden! The natural world created by God is intended for man to work it in such a way as to bring out its full potential productiveness and thus to make it better for man. The idea that nature untouched by man is the ideal state is from anti-biblical pagan thought.

This work and purpose is given again after the fall - **Genesis 3:23** even though the ground is now cursed and no longer operating in full cooperation with man, the mandate to make the world a better and more productive place for man remains. When man properly fulfills this mandate God the Creator will be glorified; however, since the Fall, man's dominion has been perverted and only as man believes in God and His Word can he even come close to glorifying the Creator.

The authority in the first institution is God Himself: man is responsible to God as a “lord” (small “l”) under the Lord (capital “L”). *Under God man has the authority over creation.* This authority includes both a position as a ruler under God and a responsibility to make the world a better and more productive place for man thus bringing glory to God. This is the foundation for the Bible doctrine of responsible creative labor – yes, work is part of the creation intent of God for man!

From Answers in Genesis:

"The Hebrew word for dominion [rule] in the biblical text is rādâh. Rādâh means dominion, reign, to prevail against, and rule. It can also mean subjugation, to tread down upon, and even crumble off (Brown, Driver, and Briggs 2008, p. 921; Strong 1979)... Within the context of the Creation, and then the subsequent fall, one finds it quite moving at the lexical range of rādâh. Adam had dominion and rule over creation and within this reign and rule he had the ability to sustain the good creation through obedience. But equally so, Adam had the power to make the good creation crumble and suffer if he was disobedient to the command to not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil" (www.answersingenesis.org).

Nelson Study Bible: "...subdue does not mean 'destroy' or 'ruin.' It does mean to 'act as managers who have authority over everything as God planned.'"

Ice: "The fall resulted in a perversion of man's responsibility but it was never taken away. This means that each individual human being is responsible before God for creative labor, which is designed to glorify God."

Failure by mankind in any of the biblical Five Divine Institutions does not mean that they can be changed or revised. God designed each of these Institutions fully aware of the negative impact that sinful man would have when he perverted and abused the divine institutions and his delegated authority.

At the Fall man's dominion became perverted but was not removed.

Dominion Position: The *position* of authoritative rule *as a king over the earth* was temporarily stolen by Satan when man followed him into rebellion (**Luke 4:6-8**). With the fall Adam lost his royal position over creation. Satan now established a kingdom of darkness. Satan is the "ruler of this world" (**John 12:31; 16:11**), "the god of this world" (**2 Corinthians 4:4**), and "the prince of the power of the air" (**Ephesians 2:2**). Satan has his own realm or kingdom because he took the royal kingship right away from Adam and all of humanity. His temporary kingdom is referred to as the "power (or authority) of darkness." It is contrasted to the "kingdom of his dear Son" (see **Acts 26:18**).

1 John 5:19 the entire world is under the controlling power (within God-established limits) of Satan.

Eric Sauer helps us to see this reality:

When he tempted Jesus, Satan offered our Lord all the power and glory of the kingdoms of this world, if He would only fall down and worship him. He justified the possibility of his offer and his ability to carry it out by claiming that the rule over the world had at some time been conferred upon him. "It hath been delivered to me (Gk. *paradedotai*); and to whomsoever I will I give it (Luke 4:6).

This whole offer would have been unreal from the first for the Lord as a temptation, if some such legal basis for Satan's dominion in the world had not existed. Otherwise Jesus would only have had to point out that the necessary presuppositions for Satan's legal claim to and ability to dispose of the glory of the world simply did not exist. The Lord however left this claim of the devil's uncontradicted and merely declared that man should worship and serve God alone (Luke 4:8). With this He recognized in principle the tempter's right to dispose of the kingdoms of this world in the present age (ibid. p. 58).

Believers temporarily physically live in Satan's kingdom, but they live spiritually as part of God's Kingdom. As a result believers live as rebels in Satan's kingdom by following the mandates of Scripture and thus submitting to the authority of God in rebellion to the worldly thinking of the satanic cosmic system.

Dominion Responsibility: Even though man has temporarily lost his *position* as king under God, the *responsibilities* of man to make the world a better and more productive place for man through productive labor still remains in effect. In fact, this Responsible Dominion Mandate is even more critical to fulfill with correct biblical thinking since sin has impacted the entire creation – **Genesis 3:14, 17-18; Romans 8:20-22.**

Hebrews 2:6-8: The frustration of man is that he longs to have the rulership dominion over the planet but he cannot do it. In arrogance they even think they can control the destiny of the planet ("We have to stop global warming, which man is causing, before it destroys the earth!"). Every time people try to fix one problem they create other problems! But we do see Jesus (**Vv. 9-10**) who will, after the Second Coming, reign over planet earth (and all creation) and who, because of His work on the cross, makes it possible for believers to regain their kingship rule with and under the Lord Jesus Christ – **2 Timothy 2:12; Revelation 3:21.**

Making the world a better and more productive place for man under the authority of God protects man from wrong thinking about the creation. Satan wants you to think you evolved from lower forms of animals over millions of years! God knows He made you and He wants you to know that too!

Knowing that man is to rule the earth and that the earth and all its creatures are here *to serve man* protects man from limiting the number of people in the world through "population control" and abortion; it protects people from thinking the environment or animals are as important or even more important than people; it protects people from limiting man's work to make the world better and more productive for man by removing land from productive use as environmentalists would claim. The attitude of modern "greenies" of just "letting it be" is an avoidance of the God-given responsibility of man under the Dominion Mandate.

Romans 1:22-25: Understanding the Dominion Mandate protects people from worshipping nature, animals, or even bugs and elevating the idea of "pristine nature" above the needs of man. Such nature worship today enforces laws that reduce the ability of man to produce effectively in agriculture, mining,

energy production, land use, and a myriad of other business endeavors (“Don’t build that dam because it will destroy the home of a little snail!”): all reflect the misplaced and unbiblical ideology of pantheistic environmentalism.

Modern evolutionary environmentalist hold mankind in general in contempt while idealizing the “natural world” (“Mother Earth”) which, they claim, man is destroying. Untouched nature, cleansed of human beings, is their ideal – the opposite of the Dominion Mandate and the opposite of the Divine Institution of family with its mandate to “fill the earth” with people!

R. Mark Musser writes in the must-read book Nazi Oaks,

Environmentalist Ingrid Newkirk commented, “Mankind is a cancer, we’re the biggest blight on the face of the earth...Phasing out the human race will solve every problem on earth, social and environmental.” This ecological sentiment together with a growing obsession with overpopulation is not a good combination, especially as the green movement usurps more and more political power to itself. “Among environmentalists sharing two or three beers, the notion is quite common that if only some calamity could wipe out the entire human race, other species might once again have a chance”Cleansing people from the landscape for the sake of the environment is a common dream these days. (p.326)

Romans 1:22-25 – people who turn from the God of the Bible and His purpose for man are called foolish – they are not thinking straight! When the environment and the creatures in it become equal to or more important than man they are forgetting their Creator and worshipping the creation.

We are stewards of God’s creation – we take care of God’s world but for the purpose of making it a better and more productive place for man. The key for using the physical creation in a proper manner is for man to stay under the authority of God’s Word! We are to care for animals by not being cruel and mean to them – man’s sin nature can be very cruel. But this does not mean that killing an animal is a crime (we eat hot dogs and hamburgers!) except as it is viewed as the property of someone (see **Exodus 22:1-15**). Indeed, we are commanded to eat meat (**Genesis 9:3; Leviticus 11**). God Himself killed animals (**Genesis 3:21; 7:4, 21**), accepted animal sacrifices (**Genesis 4:4-5**), and commanded animal sacrifices under Israel’s Mosaic Law System (see **Exodus 12:1-7; Leviticus 1:1-5, 17:11** etc.).

Man is to use all the land they need to make the world better and more productive for man even if animals lose places to live. If some animal is dangerous to humans it should be controlled so that humans are not in danger. As a matter of fact, one of the blessings given to Israel was the promise to remove dangerous animals from the Land (**Leviticus 26:6**). By the same token, God uses predatory animals as a means of punishment (**Leviticus 26:22; Deuteronomy 32:21-24; Revelation 6:8** -The modern animal rights and radical environmental movements are setting up this future time of judgment by animals).

Of course, we are not to let pollution make it a bad and less productive place for people to live. However, we have to be very careful to claim that something in the air hurts people because some will

say things are true when they are untrue: such as the false science “Global Warming.” By the way, so called “greenhouse gas” is plant food: it causes the increase of plant growth and food production!

Work is a key element in the Dominion Mandate. We are to use everything in the world to make it better and more productive for man. Both before and after the fall man was designed to work to accomplish this purpose – **Genesis 2:8-10, 15; 3:17-19**. After the fall man would have to work harder to eat and making the world better and more productive for man. Hard work is always presented as expected and to be admired while laziness is spoken of as a personal failing: **Proverbs 6:6, 18:9, 21:25, 24:30-34, Ecclesiastes 5:18-20, Ephesians 4:28; 2 Thessalonians 3:10**. The Bible nowhere supports the idea of people refusing to work when they can while receive “welfare” checks!

Science, technology, and farming are all ways to rule the earth. Working in a business, being a doctor, a policeman, an engineer, a Bible-honoring teacher, a carpenter, a scientist who holds to Scriptural truth, a janitor, being a Pastor-teacher, a home and family focused wife – all the various aspects of useful labor are all ways to make the world better and more productive for man.

Modern environmentalists take large areas of land away from people and say they have to belong to animals and people cannot use it. That is simply wrong and not in line with the Scriptural principle of the purpose of responsible dominion which was established by our Creator. *This does not mean man can simply destroy the land for that is irresponsible abuse of man’s authority and demonstrates a lack of proper care and it does not make it a better and more productive place for mankind.*

God is going to destroy the earth someday – **2 Peter 3:10; Revelation 20:11, 21:1**; Do not believe the lies the environmentalists tell you that man is bad and that he is destroying the planet so much that human history will end – he is not and cannot! It will last *at least* 1007 years and 75 days – the time of the Tribulation, the 75 day interval between the Tribulation and the start of the Millennium (**Daniel 12:12-13**), and the Millennium! After this He will create a new heavens and a new earth – **Revelation 21:1; Isaiah 65:17; 2 Peter 3:13**.

Do not believe the lies that animals are just as important as people – they are not. One human is worth more than all the animals on the earth – Jesus died for us humans to give us eternal life - He did not die for the animals!

Those who receive eternal life and then learn the Bible, stay in church Bible Class, and learn how to live Bible truth in spiritual maturity, being victorious overcomers, will one day rule in a very special way over all of God’s creation – even the new creation. They will experience exactly what God intended for man under the first Divine Institution - in an even greater manner - as they rule and reign with Christ – **Hebrews 2:5-8; 2 Timothy 2:12; Romans 8:17**.

The God-established system of authority in the first Divine Institution is mankind over the creation.

Marriage - Genesis 2:18-24; Matthew 19:6; 1 Corinthians 7:2-4; Ephesians 5:22-33; Colossians 3:18-20; Titus 2:3-6; Hebrews; 13:4; 1 Peter 3:1-7

It has been said that marriage is about three rings: the engagement ring, the wedding ring, and the suffering! O.K., that's a joke and I'm in trouble!

Genesis 2:18-24: This most basic foundation of all social structures is discovered in the original marriage of Adam and Eve. In this husband and wife are to rule together over the creation. *The Divine Institution of marriage between one man and one woman is the basis for stability in society and any society that rejects this will suffer social deterioration. Just because homosexual marriage may be legal does not mean it is not evil.*

Sexual relations are also mandated with the command to have children to fill the earth (see also **1 Corinthians 7:3-5**). Marriage brings stability in personal morality. *There is to be no expression of sexual desires in any manner except in marriage and any such sexual activity outside of marriage proceeds from the rebellious sin nature of man and are evil* – **Mark 7:21-23; 1 Corinthians 6:18-19; Galatians 5:19; Ephesians 5:3; Colossians 3:5; 1 Thessalonians 4:3.**

Satan has not left the order of God for marriage and family alone – his attack on mankind in the Garden of Eden was, in part, an attack on the divine order in the home. Throughout human history the enemy of God and man, the devil, has tried to twist and pervert God's order for the home into one that operates independent of that divine order. My personal opinion is that the attack on God's order for marriage and family has never been more intense than it is in modern times.

God planned for one man and one woman to be joined together in marriage under the authority of God. If the biblical doctrine of marriage is violated on a wide scale ("living together," divorce, homosexuality) then a nation will fall under divine judgment and be destroyed. The social acceptance of homosexuality and homosexual "marriage" is especially destructive of a culture and a nation and is evil.

Romans 1:24-32 Homosexuality is not an acceptable "alternate lifestyle." It is degrading, unnatural, and indecent and a sure sign of a depraved or reprobate mind (reprobate: *adokimos* – *dokimos* meaning approved, the "a" making a negation or to be unapproved. It is a mind that calls God's standard of wrong right and right wrong and is thus worthless for anything good. "The central idea behind *adokimos* is something that has been proved false, worthless, or useless as a result of testing" (Complete Biblical Library Greek-English Dictionary). Since men reject God He rejects them by letting them to a certain extent have their way and then suffer the inevitable consequences. The societal destructive consequences are outlined in **Romans 1:29-32.**

Ephesians 5:23-24; 2 Corinthians 11:3: Everything God does is organized with arrangements of authority. And so it is in the home. The Bible states undeniably that there is an authority and leadership arrangement in the home: it is the man who has the divinely designated leadership authority and responsibility under God in his home, the church, and society. This is designed to bring stability to the

home, the church, and society and it does when people maintain the correct biblical authority orientation.

Men and women biblically have differing roles and responsibilities even though they are created equal. There is a distinct biblical difference between equality and sameness in physical function and in marriage and family roles. Men and women are equal but not the same. In the modern world equality and sameness are considered to be bound together into one idea: sameness in roles is required for equality. ***Equality in God's image and equality in God's purposes does not mean sameness or interchangeability in function, role, or authority.*** There is from creation (not the fall into sin) a distinction of function, roles and authority - **1 Timothy 2:12-13. *Equality in creation does not mean interchangeability in the roles and responsibilities required to fulfill the divinely established differences of men and women in time.***

Genesis 2:18: "the woman is called a "help meet" (a helper) who was brought by God to Adam who needed a helper corresponding to himself in order to help him in his calling to rule over nature" (Ice). See **1 Corinthians 11:8-9**. The woman was a grace-gift to man and neither is complete without the other but there is a God-given establish order of authority in marriage.

Clough: "the woman's role as helper in **Genesis 2:18** is not meant to be a demeaning, secondary role. The term used for 'helper' elsewhere is used of God Himself (**Exodus 18:4; Deuteronomy. 33:7**)."

Arnold Fruchtenbaum: "So the woman was made from man, and the woman was made for man, and the woman was given to man, and she was named by man. The fact that Adam did the naming shows he had authority over her; and so man's authority over woman pre-existed the Fall' (Genesis, p.87)

Once again there is a truth that runs through all the details of the Genesis text: God, in His perfect design, placed the man as the ruling authority and holds him responsible for what happens to the creation under his care, including the woman and the family under his authority and care. In spite of what feminists and others claim today, ***authority is not interchangeable and equality does not mean sameness.***

See the warning in **Proverbs 14:1**. Wives, do not tear down your home by being disobedient to God!

In **Titus 2:3-6** the main biblical New Testament outline for the role of the believing wife is given. Anything else is to dishonor the Word of God. Her husband and her home are the primary focus of her life and the older women are to mentor the younger women regarding the things of God and home. Note the seven things she is to practice herself and then to teach:

1. To love their husbands
2. To love their children
3. To be sensible
4. To be morally pure

5. To be workers at home
6. To be kind
7. To be subject to their own husbands

1 Timothy 5:9-10, 14. In this passage we also discover that the church – other believers - is to be second in the use of her time and energies; certainly a part of this is the training of other women mentioned above. A business career is not to be the focus of her life. See also **Proverbs 31:27**. To sum it up simply: for a wife her husband, the children, and the home are her primary spheres of responsibility followed by responsibilities to other believers.

It again must be carefully noted that the text is absolutely clear on this issue: the woman was and is to be the helper to the man; the man is never said to be the helper to the woman. The man bears the primary responsibility to accomplish the purposes of God for His glory and the woman is to help the man accomplish that goal. Once again, the roles assigned are not interchangeable: **equality, yes; sameness, no**. This absolutely does not mean that husbands do not help their wives to perform the responsibilities of home (get off your duff and do some dishes). However, **the primary leadership task (role) is the man's and the man's alone; her task (role) is to help him in that leadership**. Remember: this is established by our Creator-God! **Ephesians 5:22-33; Colossians 3:18-19; 1 Peter 3:1-7**

This whole biblical divinely establish organization and purpose of the home is attacked by the modern “feminist movement” which has its true origins in the Garden of Eden when Eve went out from under the authority of both God and her husband to eat the fruit of the forbidden tree. All such “wisdom” of rebellion ultimately comes from Satan (see **James 3:13-18**).

Ephesians 5:22-33: Spiritually immature believers cannot fulfill the Christlikeness required in these verses. Therefore, **The single most critical aspect of Christian marriage is this: each husband and each wife is to make every effort to fulfill the biblical mandate to mature in the faith by the learning and application of Bible Doctrine while maintaining the filling of the Holy Spirit.** *Jesus Christ (in His humanity during the hypostatic union) set the pattern for the believer's spiritual life while present on the earth by using the Word of God through the power of the Spirit of God (**Hebrews 12:1-3**); so we too must follow the same pattern of life if we are to properly reflect the design of God for marriage.*

Marriage is under attack in the world today like never before. Here are just a few of the issues:

- People think that the real issue in marriage is about a loving relationship by which they mean a positive feeling of “romantic love.” They state that if you are “in love” you can marry anybody, even the same sex. And when one no longer feels love or loved you can leave the marriage. Beloved, romantic love is not the basis of this divine institution: obedience to God is!
- 40% of all Americans say that marriage is becoming obsolete; 41% of all babies born in the U.S. in 2008 were to unmarried women, up from 5% in 1960 – Pew research Center

- People engaging in sexual activity and living together without marriage. It is just as prevalent in the “Christian” community as in the secular.
- Woman’s liberation to rebel against not only marriage but the order of God in marriage.
- The divorce rate in America for first marriage vs. second or third marriage: 50% percent of first marriages, 67% of second and 74% of third marriages end in divorce
- The redefinition of marriage to include same-sex marriage is now gaining societal acceptance and is being aggressively promoted by the government (**Romans 1:32**).
- “Statistics are mistakenly used to show that there are a disproportionate number of African Americans caught up on the wrong side of the law (as well as being more likely to use and/or sell drugs, to engage in underage drinking; to become pregnant out of wedlock). Even though this is true, it is not the color of a person’s skin which is the determining factor—it is the family unit, or the lack thereof. That is, if we examine crime statistics of the children of both Black and White nuclear families, there are no appreciable differences. The key for these negative factors in the lives of children is single motherhood, not race.” (www.kukis.org)

Ephesians 5:22; Colossians 3:18 The God-established system of authority over the wife is her husband. Wives are to willingly submit to the authority of their husbands.

3. Family - Genesis 1:28; 4:1-2, 9:1, 7; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Psalm 127:3-5; Proverbs 1:8, 6:20; Ephesians 6:1-4

Genesis 1:28; 4:1-2, 9:1, 7; Psalm 27:3-5 - Children are not a burden they are a blessing!

Genesis 1:28, 4:1-2: The Divine Institution of marriage is to result in the Divine Institution of family – the married couple is to have children! The first main purpose of marriage is to “fill the earth” as a result of children being born into the family. Yes, believers especially should realize that it is a biblical *mandate (a command)* to bear children if physically possible! While marriage is optional, having children once married is not. As a matter of fact, the Bible says (a little freedom of translation here) “the more the better!” (Psalm 127:3-5) – the more children there are the greater the blessing.

Part of the function of the Responsible Dominion Mandate is to get married and to have children to “fill the earth” under the second and third Divine Institutions. *There is no population problem nor can there be – there are not enough people!* Believers especially should, if physically possible, have children and then raise them under the authority of the Word of God and making every effort to see that they become believers and the go on to be disciples.

Genesis 9:1, 7: The command to produce children in “abundance” (meaning “swarms”) is part of the Noahic Covenant – the Covenant between God and all mankind which remains in effect to this day **9:16**. This covenant is with all the Gentile nations and has never been rescinded or replaced. As with the command to Adam and Eve married couples are to produce children in abundance.

Yet, Satan attacks the family.

One of the most devastating satanic attacks on children today is the scourge of abortion. The killing children through abortion is a violation of the very first section of the Noahic Covenant.

Consider these terrible statistics:

- It is estimated that world-wide there are 42-50 *million* children killed through abortion every year. **136,986** a day at 50 million.
- In America alone there are about 3,300 children murdered through abortion every day! The government tax-payer supported Planned Parenthood is the single largest baby killing abortion machine in America.
- Some 93% of these are for “social” reasons – inconvenient, interferes with plans, don’t want that child (increasingly these are become sex-selective and “health” selective)

Take special note: no matter how serious any sin is – including the sin of abortion – all sin was fully paid for at the cross by the Lord Jesus Christ. If a mother had an abortion before she was a believer then that sin was forgiven at the moment she believed in Jesus Christ for eternal life. If she had an abortion after she was a believer she simply goes to **1 John 1:9** and agrees with God the Father that it was a sin and it is immediately forgiven. He will never bring it up again to you ever because true forgiveness never bringing the past into the present and God’s forgiveness is a true forgiveness – **Psalms 103:12** (east never meets west therefore our sin, once forgiven, never meets us again) . Don’t miss this: when God has forgiven you do not insult Him to try to play God by bringing you past into your present for self-condemnation. Leave where God puts it – in the forgotten past.

Genesis 9:6; Isaiah 26:20-21: One of the aspects of the Noahic Covenant is capital punishment. Those who kill the innocent are to be killed by other men (**Genesis 9:6**) properly using the governmental court system; this would include the terrible slaughter of the innocent through abortion. The earth itself, from which man was created, is seen as holding the record of those who were murdered. Murder stands as one of the violations of God’s demand to honor human life that is one of the reasons for the future Tribulation judgments – **Isaiah 24:5**.

THE BIBLICAL FAMILY

The biblical family is a father and a mother living together for a lifetime, raising their children together, and not just a single parent. While it is true that we live in a fallen world where single parent households are common this does not mean the single parent family is to be accepted as the norm and just as proper as a two-parent one: that is not God’s plan. Single parents should be accepted and supported by the Church without any stigma, rejection, or Pharisaical arrogance *but this does not mean the single*

parent household pattern is to be encouraged so that people produce children out of wedlock; neither is divorce is to be encouraged as if one parent or the other was unnecessary for the children.

Charlie Clough: "In the Bible it is the family not the individual that is the basic unit of society...family exists for the training of the next generation."

Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Proverbs 1:8, 6:20 (read all of Proverbs!); Ephesians 6:1-4

Deuteronomy 6:4-9: It is the family that is responsible to educate the children, not society (though society may be useful in some areas to help the parents). The family is the classroom for society and it is to be the primary training ground for children to grow up as responsible and godly Bible-believing adults. The parents must not assume that the state-run schools are the primary place of education (as a matter of fact they are dangerous to believer's children); nor are they to assume that the Church is where the children get all the Bible education they need. ***The parents are the main educators in every area of life and most especially in teaching the Word of God, its doctrines, and its application to daily decisions in the details of life.***

By the way, homeschooling fits well into these biblical demands for parents. The mother is the one who, in keeping with what we learned above, spends the majority of the time with the children and their minute-by-minute training is in her realm of responsibility while under the authority of her husband.

Ephesians 6:4 holds fathers responsible to be the prime trainer in the things of the Lord (Bible Doctrine). However, both the mother and the father are to teach Bible truth to give the children the wisdom they need to stay on track in life and become mature believers who will be stable and responsible Bible believing adults: **Proverbs 1:8, 6:20.**

The children are to be taught right from wrong based on biblical standards. They are to be consistently and constantly taught Bible Doctrine. The parents are responsible to take them (not just send them) to church to attend Bible Class at every possible opportunity above all other activities (**Hebrews 10:25**). They must be trained in proper respect for the authority of the Pastor-teacher of the church.

All of this should be modeled by the parents, especially the fathers who, by this means, will be a blessing to their children – **Proverbs 20:7.**

Todd Kennedy: "The family provides the security, the heritage, the perpetuation of morality without which no society can survive."

Proverbs 1:8, 6:20

The father (husband) is the foremost and final authority in this institution with the mother (wife) exercising a derived authority from the father (husband). Children are to be taught proper authority orientation in the home, to show respect, to honor to the parents, and to be obedient in every way. Parental authority is the way of preparing children for a normal life where they must be under many forms of authority to succeed. Permissiveness destroys this proper attitude because the child learns how

to use his volition, but he does not understand the importance of authority orientation; instead he or she becomes willful, self-focused, and arrogant. Never forget the child has an in-born sin nature that is naturally self-focused and rebellious.

However, parents have to train their children keeping in mind the child's freedom of choice (volition). Parents are to guide their children to use their volition to make the right choices using teaching and both positive and negative discipline. *The hardest thing of all is the required balance of freedom and authority in the child training (especially as they grow older) and great wisdom is needed.* The parent is to be neither a "best friend" nor a "drill-sergeant" to their children although there are times when a little of each is needed! Basing one's child rearing practices on the Bible is *required* for believers to have any hope of being successful parents and to raise spiritually successful children. Christian parents should never follow the world's methods of opinions and psychology in child rearing – *go to the Bible to learn what you need to know and not the satanic cosmic system!*

Exodus 20:12; Leviticus 19:3; Deuteronomy 5:16, 27:16; Proverbs 6:20, 23:22; Matthew 15:4; Ephesians 6:1-3; Colossians 3:20

Negative parental discipline is necessary: **Proverbs 13:24, 19:18, 22:15, 23:13-14, 29:15, 17; Ephesians 6:4**

Titus 2:4: Children are to be loved and cared for; the mother's attitude is to think of her children as very dear to them. See **1 Thessalonians 2:7-8** for a picture of what that means as well as **1 Corinthians 13:4-7**. Abortion is a result of a lack of biblical love and a complete rejection of God's Word.

Get this down and never forget it: *As with all the Divine Institutions, marriage and family was designed by God and it only works properly when His order of authority and purpose is deliberately learned and willingly followed.*

The God-ordained system of authority in the family, over the children, is the husband and father with the wife having the derived authority from her husband to be over the children. Children are to be taught obedience to their parents, honor for their parents, and to always speak respectfully to their parents.

- 4. Civil government (or authority) - Genesis 9:5-17; Romans 13:1-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-4; Titus 3:1; 1 Peter 2:13-17 – see the background at Genesis 8:15-22**

Ice: "God transferred to man through the Noahic covenant the responsibility to exercise kingdom authority in order to help restrain evil after the flood."

This section is referred to as the Noahic covenant – the agreement God established with Noah and through him to all mankind. This covenant is still in effect today. In Genesis 9:16 it is referred to as the "everlasting covenant" between God and Noah and all his descendants (including all humanity today) and indeed all flesh including the animals.

The Noachic Covenant – **Genesis 9:1-17** – by direct mention and deduction includes:

1. **9:1, 7:** Producing children and thus honoring the second and third divine institution (this part of the covenant is repeated from the earlier Edenic Covenant in **Genesis 1:28**). Notice that this production of children is part of the *blessing* from God.
2. **9:2:** Practicing responsible dominion, the first divine institution, now includes the eating of meat (**9:3**). The practice of killing of animals for as sacrifices in the worship of the Creator has been since the fall (**Genesis 8:20-22** where the post-Flood era of history begins with a blood offering just as the post-Fall era of history began **Genesis 3:21**; see **Genesis 4:3-4**). Although man no longer holds the position of authoritative rulership over the earth (Satan now has that right, **John 12:31, 2 Corinthians 4:4, Luke 4:6**), he does have the authority over the animal kingdom and man is still to work to make the earth more productive for man as in the original Edenic Covenant (see **9:3, 20**). Filling the earth with children (**9:1**) is part of responsible dominion as it was at the beginning.
3. **9:4:** Do not eat meat and blood. The eating of animals probably has to do with the environment after the flood requiring more protein, but also it keeps in the forefront the distance between man and animals in the Creation as a counter-weight to evolutionary continuity of life where man and animals are basically the same and thus denies the Creator in whose image man was made. The flesh is for eating but the blood is used in the sacrifice of worship (see **Leviticus 17:11** where the blood was given in a substitutionary death for guilty sinners). The making food with blood is forbidden. The practice of drinking blood is forbidden as this was and is today in many cultures associated with demon worship; additionally, the prohibition is against eating animals with the life still in them. This is also an ancient practice where warriors attempted to ingest the spirit/courage/ warrior skills of an animal by eating the bloody, still pumping heart. This again crosses the line of the created difference between man and animal and is a forbidden practice.
4. **9:5-6: “the blood of your lives I will require”** meaning God requires an accounting for the killing of man. Capital punishment for murder is mandated – man now has the authority to put other men to death when that man has killed another human being in murder (which is the meaning). By the way, this is mandated not as a deterrent to crime but rather because man is made in the image of God. This would include the killing of babies through abortion. Killing animals is never murder. Man is also told his authority over the animals includes the responsibility of taking the animal’s life (capital punishment) if it kills people. All of this can be summed up this way: **human beings, and all their governmental structures, are to protect human life because it is uniquely special to God.**
5. **9:5-6:** Human government (the fourth divine institution) has to be established to properly protect human life – point 4, above. Human government is also expected to respect and protect since they all are established by God. Tribal diversity or nations, the fifth divine institution, would come later but there can be no nation without a government thus the division of nations is to be protected also.

6. **Deduction:** Do not practice idolatry for the Creator-God Himself establishes this covenant. Much idolatry comes from creation (nature) worship in various forms including much of the modern environmental movement.
7. **Deduction:** Man is to remember and celebrate the fact God will never judge the earth *by water* again (He will destroy the earth in the future by fire, **2 Peter 3:10**). To do this man would have to accept (a) there is a Creator-God, (b) that He does judge rebellion, (c) man is accountable to Him, and (4) both the Creation and the world-wide universal Flood are real historical events.

Humanity has failed, through rebellion, in every aspect of the Noahic Covenant. Humanity is still under the Noahic covenant – **Genesis 9:12, 16** – it lasts throughout all human history which is the meaning of everlasting in this context. One of the reasons for the destruction of the coming Tribulation is mankind’s violation of the Noahic Covenant – **Isaiah 24:5-6**.

In giving man the right to put to death a person who had murdered someone God established human civil government. The first established function of the divine institution of human government is the death penalty for murder (**Genesis 9:6**). Because God is omniscient He already knew about man’s failure to get things right on occasion and put an innocent man or woman to death for a murder they did not commit. God knew that His eternal Son would die in a massive miscarriage of justice. Nevertheless, the death penalty stands as part of the divine institution of human government. Man says, “It is better for a hundred guilty people go free than for one innocent person to die.” God’s order says, “It is better for one innocent person to die than for a hundred guilty people to go free.”

This does not preclude justice being tempered with mercy when there is real repentance as in the case of King David – **2 Samuel 11, 29:28**. All of this points to the need for a strong and fair governmental system that has the Word of God as its basic foundation.

The key element is the responsibility to execute capital punishment. Capital punishment is the basis for God's establishment of civil government. This is the biblical basis for law enforcement and the court system.

The God-established system of authority is vested in the governmental leaders. **Romans 13:1-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-4**.

Since God has established the order of authority in the first Divine Institution for man to be the responsible authority, so men are to be the authorities in human government. The order of the home and family demands the same conclusion. The order of the church is the same.

Isaiah 3:12b speaks of women ruling over men as part of the political and social chaos of society! It is a reversal of the divinely-established authority and part of the reason for divine judgment on the nation of Israel. Further, husband, home, children, and church are the biblical priorities of women not politics or judgeships. Their biblical mandate is wife, mother, homemaker, and appropriate ministry in the church.

Male headship in all the divine institutions is God's system of authority. Should women bring their special God-given qualities to the whole of any specific society? Absolutely. How? Through the production, care, and training of children, through her biblical counsel to her husband, through her influence on other women to pursue biblical priorities, and through her godly counsel and ministry in the church.

Romans 13:1-7: God has placed people into positions of authority in human government – to honor, respect, and obey them is to respect, honor, and obey God.

Authority is invested in government leaders and they are to promote maximum liberty or freedom under a free enterprise system. Part of this protection of freedom is to protect people from criminals. All people – but especially believers – are to honor (show respect) and obey governmental authority. We are to obey all the laws of our country. Believers are to be especially careful to obey the law and honor (show respect to) the police and those in the court system like judges, prosecutors, and legal defenders.

Titus 3:1; 1 Peter 2:13-17 (see Matthew 22:21)

Notice that in **1 Peter 2:14** the human authorities are sent by God to punish evildoers: these are the criminals who violate the law. Without this there is only social disorder and this restricts human freedom. That does not mean they always do what is right for they too are operating in a world corrupted by Satan and the human sin nature.

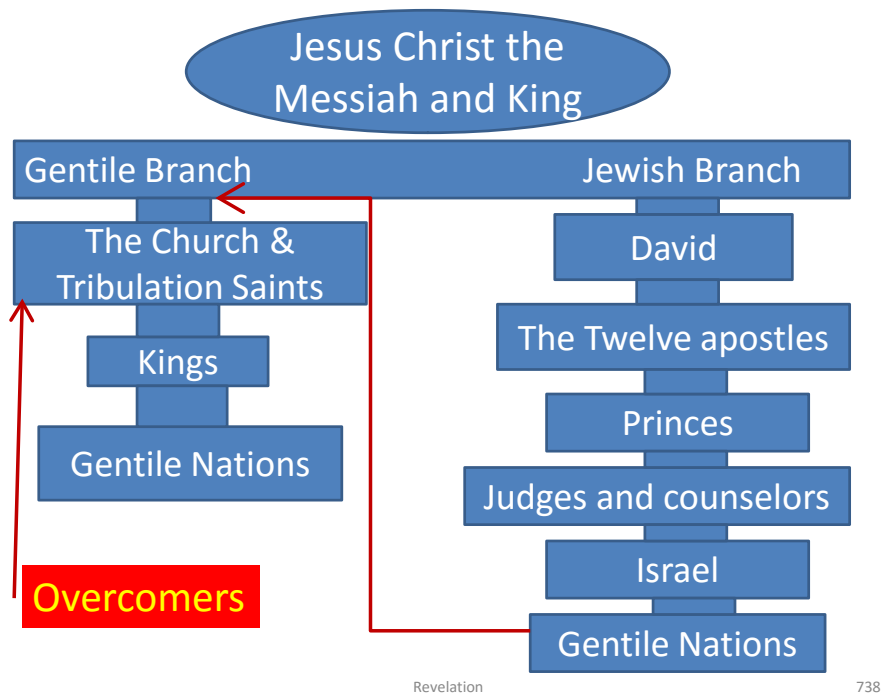
The only exception allowed to obeying the laws of a country is if and when those laws violate the higher laws of God – **Acts 5:29**. For example, a law prohibiting someone from telling another person about Jesus could not be obeyed (this was the situation in Acts 5). Another example would be laws forbidding the gathering together of God's family in a church should not be obeyed.

Daniel 10:12-13, 20-21: Satan and his demons seek to influence human governments – the “Prince of Persia” and the “prince of Greece” are such demons. Satan has his own “princes” over nations who attempt to influence the national leadership. Satan, in his arrogance, wants to prove that he can run the world at least as well as God and perhaps better. **Revelation 12:9** refers to Satan as the deceiver of the nations.

God, of course, influences the thinking of the world through the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit, and Spirit-filled believers who communicate Scripture. But it is true that the nation of Israel a specially assigned angel named Michael. He is called “one of the chief princes” (v.13) and “your prince” (v.21), that is, the prince angel of the nation of Israel; he is God's angel who guards the nation of Israel.

Psalm 2:6-8; Isaiah 2:2-4; Micah 4:1-5; Zechariah 14:9; Revelation 19:15, 20:4-6; Jeremiah 30:9; Ezekiel 37:24-25; Matthew 19:28 After the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, He will establish a world supra-government over the individual nations. There is still a government and there are still nations (see below). This theocracy will be administered by both Jewish and Gentile victorious believers. Man will be able to successfully fulfill the original Dominion Mandate under the absolute rulership of Jesus Christ.

Without going into detail, the following chart lays out the basic governmental structure of the coming Messianic Kingdom:



In the Millennial Kingdom Israel will be over all the Gentile nations. The chart above (blue portions) is from The Footsteps of the Messiah, p.387, by Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum. You can learn more about this government of the Messianic Kingdom in this book as well as in the “The King and the Kingdom” and “When the King Arrived” studies and the Bible Prophecy series at www.doctrinepastor.com (West Side Baptist Church).

5. Tribal diversity (nations and nationalism) Genesis 9:25-27, 10:1-32, 11:1-9. Deuteronomy 32:8 and Acts 17:26.

God is over and beyond – **Isaiah 40:17** and in control **Acts 17:26**.

This is not about so-called “race”: it is about the diversity of tribes and nations as planned by God. Mankind is separated according to their languages – **Genesis 10:5, 20, 31**. Just a note: Genesis 10 tells us *what* happened while Genesis 11 tells us *why* it happened.

Todd Kennedy: "God planned that people would live in groups called nations. These nations would have similar culture including language, geography, and heritage. Each of these national distinctions provides a balance of power among nations and protects against a monolithic power over many groups."

Tommy Ice: "Why did God want to separate mankind? Many believe that mankind should come together in unity. **Genesis 11:6** explains why God confused human language....the only reason why humanity wants to unite itself is in order to more effectively rebel against God."

The smaller the group of people Satan has to control to control the earth the easier it is for him. For this reason Satan is always on the attack against a multiplicity of nations. Satan's first attempt at a world government with only one man to control (Nimrod) was at Babylon. His first success at establishing a true world government with one man at its head will occur in the future during the Tribulation period (**Revelation 13:7**).

Genesis 9:1, 7 God had commanded that people scatter around the world and fill the entire earth with humanity. It was the first provision of the Noahic Covenant and it is repeated for emphasis in verse 7. They were to populate the earth in great abundance and they were to do so across the entire planet which meant relocating, exploring, and establishing new populations. This process was to be repeated over and over until the entire planet was filled with people.

Yet, the people rebelled against God and they deliberately defy God. What was the first aspect of their rebellion against God? It is seen in their attitude toward God's command to scatter and fill the entire earth.

Genesis 11:2-4: instead of scattering apart, they were settling together. This was an attitude of rebellion which becomes explicit in verse **4b**: "**lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.**" This open rebellion against God's command was their primary motive for the city and tower building projects (**v. 4**)

The timeframe in which they started to build the city of Babylon is estimated to be about 166 years after the Flood (Floyd N. Jones [The Chronology of the Old Testament](#), p.42).

Babylon is a literal place but it also throughout Scripture it stands as a symbol of rebellion against God. The spirit or attitude of rebellion against God – with all its confusion – continues to permeate the world in which we live today.

Nimrod, the leader in Babel, persuaded people to come under his rule and he built the first empire on earth. Certainly God established human government in Genesis 9, but ***He did not authorize tyranny nor did He intend for mankind to be all gathered into one local area under a single world governmental system.***

Nationalism literally functions as a barrier to a world controlled by Satan with the resulting destruction and it is God's plan that there are to be many nations.

When man rebelled at Babel God confused their languages and they went out in various directions and ultimately establish the first nations. The reason for the scattering is this: God said “Go” in **Genesis 9:1** and man says “No” in **Genesis 11:4**.

Bill Cooper, in his masterful work the Authenticity of the Book of Genesis, writes

The Table of Nations occupies chapters 10 and 11 of the Book of Genesis, and is such complete and autonomous document that it may be studied in isolation. What is instantly noticeable about the Table is its comprehensiveness, its complexity, and its conciseness. It is, in short, a masterpiece of informative historical writing. But above even these qualities, it possesses an accuracy that is breathtaking. I spent more than 25 years digging into the Table of Nations, looking for a fault, a false statement, or an historical inaccuracy. I found not one. Whether the Table speaks of early nations historically, geographically, linguistically, or ethnologically, it does so with 100% accuracy. Nothing remotely like it exists from the ancient world. It has no predecessor, and has no imitator. It is, in every sense and in every way, unique (p.74)

Look at the results in the indirect judgments of God in **Revelation 6:2-11** when He releases man to have his own way and build a one-world government without the restraint of the Holy Spirit: political deception, war, death, famine, and the killing of believers.

Internationalism is unbiblical – the United Nations, communism, the world court, and global treaties that bind nations together so that they lose national sovereignty, (e.g., environmentalism treaties, gun control treaties, submission to world organizations above the nation such as a world court), and Islam, which desires to bring the entire world under its rule, are all unbiblical from the standpoint of the Divine Institution of Nations.

Patriotism is biblical!

Since I am an American I call on other American believers to pray for this nation. I believe that America is the greatest nation that has ever existed in human history in part because of God-honoring people who protected the Five Divine Institutions. Yet, today, these are being systematically rejected by the leadership and people of the American nation. Any nation that rejects these Five Laws of Divine Establishment is doomed to social disintegration and, ultimately, totalitarianism.

The authority of nations is vested in the national governmental leaders for whom the believer is to submit and pray.

Romans 13:1-7; Titus 3:1-2; 1 Peter 2:13-17

The Eternal Future of the Five Divine Institutions

This will be just a quick summary.

Revelation 21:1, 5: At the end of time as we know it there will be “a new heaven and a new earth.”

Three of the five divine institutions are clearly seen as continuing into eternity with the creation of the new heavens and the new earth.

1. Responsible Dominion. **Revelation 21:7 – see 22:4-5.** The overcomers will “inherit all things” which is a reference to the victorious believers ruling with the Lord Jesus Christ for all eternity. The only way to inherit a kingdom is as a king. We have already seen how this ruling over all creation was man’s original mandate and it will be fulfilled in the coming Millennial Kingdom and on into eternity: “They shall reign forever and ever.”
2. Government: **Revelation 21:3, 24.** The Lord Himself rules over all in the eternal kingdom but rulers under Him are those here listed as “kings.” This certainly indicates human government ruling under the authority of God.
3. Nations: **Revelation 21:26; 22:2.** This specifically indicates that the managerial division of man’s social structure into nations will continue throughout eternity.

But what of the other two divine institutions of marriage and family? Those with their glorified bodies will not marry – **Matthew 22:30.** Since this is true it also means they will not produce children thus they will not form new physical families. Does this mean that there will be no divine institutions of marriage and family? I don’t think so and here is why:

- A. It seems logical that if the above three continue so will the other two
- B. People will be alive at the end of the Millennial Kingdom in their physical bodies
- C. God’s original intent in marriage and family was for mankind to literally swarm the earth with people. That intent was part of the original dominion mandate and unless more children are generated this will never occur. Perhaps colonizing throughout the Solar System is a possibility. Our God does not do things on a small scale!
- D. **Isaiah 9:7** “There will be no end to the increase (*marbeh*) of His government.” The word *marbeh* carries several meanings depending on the context, but it refers to an abundance or an increase. “Occurring twice in Isaiah (9:7; 33:23), *marbeh* is a masculine noun derived from *rāvav* (HED #7525), ‘to become great,’ ‘to multiply.’ The substantive usually denotes ‘abundance,’ ‘increase.’” Complete Biblical Library Hebrew-English Dictionary. It may simply refer to the increase of prosperity but, even if true, an ever expanding population would be a means to make this possible. It is improbable, to my mind, that the population is static (the same for all

eternity). If the sin nature was removed from those going into the eternal state their children also would be born without sin, and there will be no opportunity to sin, in eternity.

Alexander Patterson writes this perceptive thinking in The Greater Life and Work of Christ,

The nations will consist of men in flesh, freed from sin and the curse, begetting a holy seed and dwelling in blessedness under the government of the New Jerusalem. They will not be the offspring of the glorified saints, who “neither marry nor are given in marriage,” but the descendants of those who live in the period of the millennial kingdom....

These are then *restored humanity* entering the new earth. They are what Adam was before he fell, and therefore are fit for the presence of God, who can now resume the original fellowship of Eden long interrupted.... There is bestowed upon the restored race more than Adam enjoyed. By the death of Christ the spiritual power of sin was destroyed. In the millennium the social dominion of sin was destroyed. By the eternal act from the Throne, that in man which responds to the attack of temptation, is removed. Man will be physically, psychically, and spiritually perfect....

There seems at first to be something incongruous in the idea of there being a race of human beings living as now, and increasing in the eternal ages. This comes in part from preconceived opinions as to the future state. There is nothing in Scripture forbidding the idea of material beings in the eternal ages.... It is the leaven of heathenism in our Christianity, which deprecates the material as inherently sinful, and true holiness can only be obtained by an abstraction from all this, and in a state of etherialism hereafter.... Another reason comes from considering the fall [of mankind] as having consisted in, or led to, the introduction of marital relations. This as we have seen has no foundation in Scripture, Such relations and the propagation of the race were contemplated in the creation of man, as the following scripture states: “And God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them; and God said to them, Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth.” What was right and fitting in the original Eden, is also fitting in the new earth. There is here contemplated the holy increase of the race of man, and their gradual filling of the earth....

There is a diversity in the population of the new earth. We read in the account of the descent of the New Jerusalem to earth: “They shall be his peoples.” The plural in the form of the latter word is very significant. Not a single people, but many families of peoples. The same is expressed by the plural form of the word “nations.” There is governmental life in the new earth. This gives us the idea of self-government to some degree. These kings are not the saints who occupy the higher relations to the earth, but their own rulers in subordination to the rule of Christ and his assistants....

The whole picture is that of an orderly kingdom having its capital city, and reigning king with his immediate family and court, and others who occupy positions of power and honor, and still a

greater number who assist in many ways. (From pages 386-393. The majority of the above is quoted in The Omega Reunion, by Frank D. Carmical, pp. 97-98).

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FIVE DIVINE INSTITUTIONS
Or
THE DOCTRINE OF DIVINE ESTABLISHMENT

THESE ARE THE GOD ORDAINED SOCIAL STRUCTURES
FOR THE PRESERVATION, PROTECTION,
AND BLESSING OF HUMANITY

1. RESPONSIBLE DOMINION MANDATE

Genesis 1:26-30; 2:15-17; Psalms 8:3-8; Hebrews 2:5-8

2. MARRIAGE

Genesis 2:18-24; Matthew 19:6; 1 Corinthians 7:2-4; Ephesians 5:22-33;
Colossians 3:18-20; Titus 2:3-6; Hebrews; 13:4; 1 Peter 3:1-7

3. FAMILY

Genesis 1:28; 4:1-2; Leviticus 19:3; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Psalm 127:3-5;
Proverbs 1:8, 6:20, 13:24, 19:18, 20:7, 22:15, 23:13-14, 29:15, 17;
Ephesians 6:1-4; Titus 2:4

4. CIVIL GOVERNMENT

Genesis 9:5-6; Romans 13:1-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-4; Titus 3:1; 1 Peter 2:13-17

5. TRIBAL DIVERSITY (NATIONS)

Genesis 9:25-27, 10:1-32, 11:1-9. Deuteronomy 32:8; Acts 17:26.

Student Study Guide

1. Yes or no: I have read *all* of the Scriptures listed in this study _____
2. What does Psalm 135:5-6 teach us?
3. Why do you think the “Big Bang” and other evolutionary ideas are called “magical” and a “made-up story?”

BONUS STUDY

What Is The Difference Between Macroevolution And Microevolution?

by John D. Morris, Ph.D.

There is much misinformation about these two words, and yet, understanding them is perhaps the crucial prerequisite for understanding the creation/evolution issue.

Macroevolution refers to major evolutionary changes over time, the origin of new types of organisms from previously existing, but different, ancestral types. Examples of this would be fish descending from an invertebrate animal, or whales descending from a land mammal. The evolutionary concept demands these bizarre changes.

Microevolution refers to varieties within a given type. Change happens within a group, but the descendant is clearly of the same type as the ancestor. This might better be called variation, or adaptation, but the changes are "horizontal" in effect, not "vertical." Such changes might be accomplished by "*natural* selection," in which a trait within the present variety is selected as the best for a given set of conditions, or accomplished by "*artificial* selection," such as when dog breeders produce a new breed of dog.

The small or *microevolutionary* changes occur by recombining existing genetic material within the group. As Gregor Mendel observed with his breeding studies on peas in the mid 1800's, there are natural limits to genetic change. A population of organisms can vary only so much. What causes *macroevolutionary* change?

Genetic mutations produce new genetic material, but do these lead to *macroevolution*? No truly useful mutations have ever been observed. The one most cited is the disease sickle-cell anemia, which provides an enhanced resistance to malaria. How could the occasionally deadly disease of SSA ever produce big-scale change?

Evolutionists assume that the small, horizontal *microevolutionary* changes (which are observed) lead to large, vertical *macroevolutionary* changes (which are never observed). This philosophical leap of faith lies at the eve of evolution thinking.

A review of any biology textbook will include a discussion of *microevolutionary* changes. This list will include the variety of beak shape among the finches of the Galapagos Islands, Darwin's favorite example. Always mentioned is the peppered moth in England, a population of moths whose dominant color shifted during the Industrial Revolution, when soot covered the trees. Insect populations become resistant to DDT, and germs become resistant to antibiotics. While in each case, observed change was limited to *microevolution*, the inference is that these minor changes can be extrapolated over many generations to *macroevolution*.

In 1980 about 150 of the world's leading evolutionary theorists gathered at the University of Chicago for a conference entitled "*Macroevolution*." Their task: "to consider the mechanisms that underlie the origin of species" (Lewin, *Science* vol. 210, pp. 883-887). "The central question of the Chicago conference was whether the mechanisms underlying *microevolution* can be extrapolated to explain the phenomena of *macroevolution* . . . the answer can be given as a clear, No."

Thus the scientific observations support the creation tenet that each basic type is separate and distinct from all others, and that while variation is inevitable, *macroevolution* does not and did not happen.

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4. Which is biblical, microevolution or macroevolution? _____
5. What do the terms "good" and "very good" in Genesis 1 mean?
6. Read all the Scriptures listed on page 3, paragraph 2. Now summarize what you have learned from these passages:

11. Think about it: "The Bible tells us what is real." John 17:17 (NKJV) "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth." In your own words summarize what the statement and the verse mean then write out some life principles that would come from this.

12. Yes or no: Can man frustrate the plan of God for human history? _____ Write out below one Scripture verse that supports your answer:

13. Complete this sentence: Part of man's accountability [to God] will be on his _____,
_____, and _____ of the Five Divine Institutions....

14. Define "volition":

15. What two things require human freedom (page 5, paragraph 4)?

16. True or false: Since God is sovereign He forces people to think and act in certain ways: _____

17. What is the purpose of the world?

After reading the bottom of page 5 and all of page 6, answer the following question:

18. Imagine you are telling a friend about the Five Divine Institutions. Explain what they are and why they exist:

19. How do we know these social structures have been “built in” to mankind?

20. True or false: The Five Divine Institutions are for both believer and unbeliever: _____
21. True or false: Since the fall of mankind into sin God has changed the Five Divine Institutions

22. What happens if a society does not follow the Five Divine Institutions?
23. Complete this sentence: As in many things God has ordered, men and women, in rebellion, can
_____ the truth of the Divine Institutions, and they can _____ the Truth of the
Divine Institutions, but they can never _____ the Truth of the Divine Institutions into
some “new _____.”
24. Even though God established the church, why is the Church not a sixth “Divine Institution”?
25. Of the Five Divine Institutions which three are the most basic?
26. What are the last two and what do they protect?

27. Write out 1 John 2:16 below only instead of the word “world” write in “the satanic cosmic system”:

28. In your own words define “worldliness” using the definition on page 7 as your guide:

29. James 3:15: All that is in the world is composed of three parts. List them and explain them:

30. There is God thinking and there is satanic thinking. What is the third option?

31. List the Five Divine Institutions:

32. True or false: The Five Divine Institutions do not have any system of authority: _____

Responsible Dominion

33. What are the four unique things about mankind?

34. In what three Scriptures is it seen that mankind’s ruling authority has been expanded to include all the rest of creation including the angelic?

35. What is the ultimate goal of mankind’s salvation?

36. Think about it: After reading the top two paragraphs on page 9, compare and contrast this God-given position and function of mankind to the evolutionary concept of mankind.

37. What is the main point of the Responsible Dominion Mandate?

38. Who is the authority in the first Divine Institution? _____

39. Under God who has the authority over creation? _____

40. This authority includes both a _____ as a ruler and a _____

41. The Hebrew word for 'dominion' or "rule" is _____. What does this mean and why is it important?

42. True or false: Even though the Fall of mankind into sin resulted in the perversion of man's responsibility the Dominion Mandate remains in effect: _____

43. Why does man's failure not mean the Divine Institutions can be changed or revised?

44. Man's position of authoritative rule over the earth was temporarily stolen by whom? _____

45. List below the titles given to this angelic being:

John 12:31; 16:11 _____

2 Corinthians 4:4 _____

Ephesians 2:2 _____

46. What does 1 John 5:19 tell us?

47. In what way does the temptation of Jesus by Satan reveal this truth?

48. True or false: Since man has lost his position as king under God it means he also has lost his responsibility to make the world a better and more productive place for mankind _____

49. What do Genesis 3:14, 17-18 and Romans 8:20-22 teach us about the impact on the earth of the Fall of man?

50. Hebrews 2:6-10; 2 Timothy 2:12; Revelation 2:26, 3:21. What do these verses teach us about the work of Jesus in relation to the Dominion Mandate? When will man fulfill the Mandate again?

51. Knowing the correct biblical understanding of the Dominion Mandate protects man from what false ideas?

52. How do modern environmentalists tend to see mankind?

53. Analyze Romans 1:22-25 and share what this text means.

54. What is the key for the proper use of the physical creation?

55. Match the following by placing the correct letter in the blank:

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| A. Exodus 12:1-7 | _____ | Man is commanded to eat meat |
| B. Genesis 9:3 | _____ | God killed animals |
| C. Genesis 3:21 | _____ | It is a crime to kill an animal owned by another |
| D. Genesis 51:3 | _____ | The Mosaic system demanded animal sacrifice |
| E. Exodus 22:1-15 | _____ | Man is told to kill animals in a very cruel manner |
| F. Genesis 4:4-5 | _____ | God accepted animal sacrifices |

56. What should be done with an animal that is dangerous to people?

57. What is the relationship between pollution and the Dominion Mandate?

58. True or false: work for humanity is a result of the Fall: _____

59. Study the verses on the top of page 13 in relation to work. Summarize what you have learned (be specific):

60. True or false: If mankind is not careful they will destroy planet earth and make it uninhabitable
_____. Defend your answer:

61. List the Scriptures that show God is going to create a new heavens and a new earth.

62. Think about it: Compare and contrast the goals of the modern environmental movement with the biblical Dominion Mandate. Feel free to use any other source you desire for information on the environmental movement.

Marriage

63. After reading all of the Scriptures listed on marriage, write down the one most meaningful to you. Then say why you chose this one.

Scripture _____ . I chose this one because:

64. True or false: the husband and the wife were designed to rule together over the earth: _____
65. Fill in the blanks: The Divine Institution of _____ between one man and one _____ is the basis for _____ in society and any society that _____ this will suffer social deterioration.
66. Read each of the following Scriptures: Mark 7:21-23; 1 Corinthians 6:18-19; Galatians 5:19; Ephesians 5:3; Colossians 3:5; 1 Thessalonians 4:3. Imagine a Christian friend is talking about moving in with his girlfriend. Using some or all of the above Scriptures tell them why this action is not acceptable before the Lord Jesus Christ.
67. Romans 1:24-32. In the modern world many countries, like the United States, are accepting and promoting the homosexual lifestyle and homosexual marriage. Discuss this in the light of Romans 1:29-32.

68. Ephesians 5:22-24; 1 Corinthians 11:3. Who is the authority in the home? _____

69. True or false: Men and women are equal in God's created order: _____

70. "Equality in God's image and equality in God's purposes does not mean sameness or interchangeability in function, role, or authority." What does this mean and why is it very important to understand?

71. According to 1 Timothy 2:11-13, why is a woman not allowed to have authority over a man in the Church or home?

72. What is the woman called in Genesis 2:18: a _____.

73. True or false: a man's authority over a woman came only after the Fall of man into sin: _____

74. What warning does Proverbs 14:1 give to women?

75. Titus 2:3-6 lists seven things that are to be the priority of a woman. What are they?

76. 1 Timothy 5:9-10, 14. What does this passage teach you?

77. True or false: Since the man is the head of the home he should do anything to help his wife in the home: _____

78. Ephesians 5:25-33. What does this passage tell us about a husband's responsibility toward his wife? Look carefully at each verse and be specific!

79. What is the single most important factor in Christian marriage?

80. Of all the ways the Divine Institution of marriage is under attack today which one or ones do you think are the most destructive? Why did you pick this (these)?

81. The system of authority in the home is _____

Family

82. The Divine Institution of marriage is to result in the Divine Institution of _____

83. Imagine a Christian couple tells you that they are thinking about not having children. Using the Scriptures given in the study, what would you tell them?

84. Genesis 9:1, 7 is a command to produce children in _____.

85. Why is abortion a terrible sin?

86. Imagine that a friend who is a believer tells you that she has had an abortion in her past. What would you tell her?

87. What is the “biblical family”?

88. Check one: According to the Bible what is the basic unit of society? ___ individual ___ family

89. According to Deuteronomy 6:4-9 what is the family to do for their children as their top priority?

90. Who are the main educators of children? _____

91. What does Ephesians 6:4 teach us?

92. What do Proverbs 1:8 and 6:20 teach parents?

93. Who is the proper authority in the home over the children? _____

94. Who is the derived authority figure? _____

95. Why is authority orientation in the home so important?

96. True or false: the parent should be the child's best friend _____

97. From where are parents to learn child rearing practices? _____

98. Read all of the Scriptures listed on page 20, 2nd paragraph (starts with Exodus). What is the single most important thing you need to remember from these verses (be specific)?

99. Read all of the Scriptures under negative parental discipline. Compare and contrast these verses with the way most people in the world today think about child discipline. Refer to specific verses in your answer.

100. Compare Titus 2:4; 1 Thessalonians 2:7-8; and 1 Corinthians 13:3-7. If you were to take these verses as a starting point for some changes in your life, in what ways do you need the most improvement?

101. What is the God-ordained system of authority in the home?

Civil Government (or authority)

102. What was the purpose of God establishing human civil government (or authority)?

103. Human government was established in the _____ Covenant. This is found in what Scripture reference? _____

104. According to Genesis 9:1, 7 the first part of this Covenant is what?

105. Imagine someone tells you that you should eat vegetables only. What part of this Covenant could you use to refute that idea?

106. Why is the eating/drinking of blood forbidden?

107. Many people are against capital punishment even for murder. Explain why this is an unbiblical stance.

108. True or false: Mankind is still under the Noahic Covenant: _____

109. Who is the authority in human government?

110. Yes or no: Biblically, can this authority be either men or women? _____

111. What principles do we learn as believers from Romans 13:1-7, Titus 3:1, 1 Peter 2:13-17 and Matthew 22:21? Be specific.

112. What is the exception to governmental obedience? What Scripture shows this?

113. What do we learn from Daniel 10:12-13, 20-21 and Revelation 12:9? Why is this important to know?

114. Read all of the verses in the last paragraph of page 23. Summarize your learning.

115. In the coming Messianic Kingdom, the 1,000 year reign of Jesus Christ on the earth, which group of people are at the “head” of all the nations?

Tribal Diversity (nations and nationalism)

116. Write Isaiah 40:17:

117. True or false: God planned the diversity of people into various tribes and national groups: _____

118. Why did God do this? Be sure to mention what man desired. Use Scripture to demonstrate your answer.

119. About how many years after the Flood did man start to build Babylon? _____

120. Nationalism functions as a barrier to what?

121. Why are there various languages in the world? Give the Scripture.

122. What does Bill Cooper say about Genesis chapters 10 and 11 that you consider the most important?

123. Yes or no: Does mankind ever get to have a one-world government? _____ Defend your answer with Scripture:

124. Is internationalism biblical or unbiblical? _____
125. Yes or no: Is patriotism to one's own nation biblical? _____
126. Read Romans 13:1-7; Titus 3:1-2; 1 Peter 2:13-17. Review what you have learned from these verses. How does a person go about obeying these commands? Be specific.

127. In regard to the future of the Five Divine Institutions, what is the most significant things that you learned?

128. What would you say are the “top ten” things you consider to be the most important things you have learned in this study? Why did you pick these?

129. If everyone in your family and church understood these Five Divine Institutions, and had a passion to live out these realities, what impact might it have on their lives?

130. Focus your mind: What is the single greatest impact this study has had on your life and why?

131. What are the teachings brought up in this study that you desire to learn more about and why?

132. In what way could this short study be improved?