

## Worship His Majesty – Chapter 2. Prepared by Mohan Karulkar ([karulkar37@gmail.com](mailto:karulkar37@gmail.com))

1. Scripture (Genesis) describes:
  - a) Creation's perfect and original order
  - b) Man's intended destiny
  - c) the fouling of them both
2. Simultaneously, the record also introduces...
  - a) Hope
  - b) Purpose and Promise...for our lives by introducing us to *worship*.

### Look at Purpose and Promise first

Statement: *We were created for rulership. And our rule was to be sustained by worship.*

- Gen 1:26 – *"Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion..."*
  - Not only were we given dominion, but we were *made in God's image*. God was inviting us into a *partnership* with him. We were being made *kings*. And he was the King of kings.
  - God was *the* Creator and *the* Ruler of the Universe, whereas we were created as rulers of a single planet. This *Creator/creature relationship* made worship appropriate, and our kingship was to be *sustained* by worship. Our *finite resources* demanded it. This was our **purpose** and God's **promise**.
- The original state of man – the way things were 'supposed to be' – centered on a *relationship of worship*. And we don't know how long it lasted; scripture doesn't say how much time passed between creation and the fall.
- That relationship of worship is described by:
  - *Thanksgiving* (Adam would have been thankful, looking into the eyes of his creator moments after having life breathed into him)
  - *Humility and Awe* – God's power in creating Adam as well as the heavens would have instilled humility and awe
  - *Dependency* – knowing God gave man such immense responsibility and power man led to dependency (He gave directions, He provided animals, he provided Eve)
  - *Obedience*: They were told not to touch of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil
  - *This is what our relationship of worship should look like too!*
- The fall involved a loss of worship.
  - The severed bond of obedience
  - The spirit of thanks, humility and awe was gone (they hid from God, Adam blamed Eve, they "talked back to God.")
  - *Authority for rulership was surrendered.*

### Now Look at Hop

- The fall, which threatened to disrupt God's purpose and promise, saw a response that introduced **Hope**.
  - There is holy determination that all God intended shall be recovered.
    - Man, woman, and the serpent are dealt with.
    - Man and woman are clothed before being driven out.
      - **God undid what Satan did. Satan exposed their nakedness; God covered it.**
    - Defined patterns of worship are introduced (Cain and Abel knew how to offer sacrifices...they were presumably taught by their parents).
      - "If you do well, will you not be accepted?" God is talking about their worship.
      - *The redemptive plan is founded in worship.*

The redemptive program, therefore, wields its hidden power through the *reinstatement of worship* rather than in a demonstration of might. The *mightiness will flow from worship*.

- *Defiled worship* broke man's relationship with God and forfeited his dominion. *Restored worship* is intended to redeem them both: relationship and rulership.
  - Forgiveness restores the *relationship* (i.e. allows a growing walk with God)
  - Worship restores the *rulership* (a growing triumph over hell)
    - Proper worship requires putting ourselves back under him – repentance, which embodies *obedience and humility*.
    - Traditional worship addresses the *awe, thanksgiving, dependency*.

## Summary

So, what did we lose in losing *rulership*?

- Righteous relationship with God
- Healthy relationship with spouse (accusation and alienation)
- Ability to effectively deal with environment (labor the land)
- Lost promise of life (entry of disease, depression, death, and eternal destruction)

What do we get from regaining *rulership*?

- Dominion over condemnation
- Domestic order
- Economic freedom
- Personal wellness

And...worship is the key to regaining rulership!