



## **LIMITATIONS ON THE DOMINION MANDATE**

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Dominion was given to Adam to be fruitful and multiply.

*(Genesis 1:27-28 NKJV)*

*27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth"*

This dominion was to multiply the image of God. Under the New Covenant we are to multiply the image of the Christ the living spirit.

*(1 Corinthians 15:45-49 NKJV)*

*45 And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.*

*46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual. 47 The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven. 48 As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly. 49 And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man*

When the image represents Christ then dominion manifests. The seed of Christ must be multiplied through the sons of God. We must bear the image of the heavenly man and this is our dominion mandate.

Our labor is for the formation of Christ in the sons of God

*(Galatians 4:19 NKJV)*

*19 My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you,*

*(Colossians 1:28-29 NKJV)*

*28 Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. 29 To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily*

It is the mirror that reflects the image

*(2 Corinthians 3:17-18 NKJV)*

*17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord*

Liberty is to behave as we should and not as we please. This liberty can only be revealed when the veil is removed. The mirror shows the imperfections of our image and causes us to transform. This transformation from glory to glory is by the Spirit of the Lord.

The mirror is the perfect law of liberty which is the proceeding word of God

*(James 1:23-25 NKJV)*

*23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; 24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. 25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does*

The words of God are spirit and life

*(John 6:63 NKJV)*

*63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.*

*(John 6:68 NKJV)*

*68 But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.*

Dominion will come to those who live by the word and the spirit. When the image of God reflects on the corporate son which is the church then we will see dominion return to the Body of Christ. Egypt and Babylon must see the image.

*(Genesis 41:38 NKJV)*

*38 And Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?"*

*(Daniel 2:46-47 NKJV)*

*46 Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face, prostrate before Daniel, and commanded that they should present an offering and incense to him. 47 The king answered Daniel, and said, "Truly your God is the God of gods, the Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, since you could reveal this secret*

The image of God gets distorted when there is mixture. The Samaritan is a mixed breed of people. When there is mixture it places limitations on how we receive, view and express the Kingdom of God.

A study of the history of the City and the Country of Samaria reveals foundational truths of how the image of God is altered through mixture. Samaria was the capital of the Northern Kingdom which was known as Israel. Several Kings that ruled over the Northern Kingdom committed great evils by allowing high places, carved images, wooden images, moulded images and altars to be erected in the House of God. Jezebel the wife of King Ahab erected the altar of Baal in the temple of God for people to worship

*(1 Kings 16:31-33 NKJV)*

*31 And it came to pass, as though it had been a trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took as wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians; and he went and served Baal and worshiped him. 32 Then he set up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. 33 And Ahab made a wooden image. Ahab did more to provoke the Lord God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him*

Such evils led to the children of Israel being deported and the King of Assyria bringing in people into the City of Samaria who took possession of it

*(2 Kings 17:24 NKJV)*

*24 Then the king of Assyria brought people from Babylon, Cuthah, Ava, Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel; and they took possession of Samaria and dwelt in its cities*

Samaria became the centre of mixture and people did not know the rituals of God. Each one served his own god. Mixture brings an onslaught of cultural and behavioural changes which leads to a distortion of the image of Christ.

Such damage is seen in the woman of Samaria which is a picture of a mixed church. If we are to function with our dominion mandate we must deal with the problems of the Samaritan Church. This mixture creates a resistance to the Living Water which is the Spirit of God. This places a limitation on the reception and expression of the Kingdom of God. Christ who is the full expression of the Kingdom comes into Samaria.

*(John 4:4 NKJV)*

*4 But He needed to go through Samaria.*

Jesus as the Son of God needs to go through Samaria. This is the location of independence, isolation, fragmentation and separation. Such characteristics are seen in the behaviour of the woman that comes to the well.

*(John 4:5 NKJV)*

*5 So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.*

Jesus locates himself on the plot of ground that is based on the foundation of a father and son. We must know where Jesus would lay His head. The relationship between Fathers and Sons is the place where Jesus decides to rest. The Kingdom of God is near or is at hand or is made manifest within the covenant relationships of Fathers and Sons. Jesus rode the donkey and the colt into the City of Jerusalem which is a fulfilment of the words spoken by Jacob the Patriarch over Judah his son.

*(Genesis 49:11 NKJV)*

*11 Binding his donkey to the vine,  
And his donkey's colt to the choice vine,  
He washed his garments in wine,  
And his clothes in the blood of grapes*

When the Father and the Son are tied to the vine there will be an expression of the Kingdom in a city.

*(John 4:6 NKJV)*

*6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.*

In this location there is a Patriarch's well. Jacob was a Father of Nations through the birth of his 12 sons. There is a supply of resource at the 6th hour of the day. There was darkness that covered the earth from the 6th hour to the 9th hour when Jesus the Son of God hung on the cross.

*(Matthew 27:45 KJVStrong)*

*45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour.*

**GREEK: Darkness -Skotos**

*g4655. σκότος skotos; from the base of 4639; shadiness, i. e. obscurity (literally or figuratively):— darkness. AV (32)- darkness 32; darkness of night darkness of darkened eyesight or blindness metaph. of ignorance respecting divine things and human duties, and the accompanying ungodliness and immorality, together with their consequent misery in hell persons in whom darkness becomes visible and holds sway (STRONG)*

There is ignorance of divine things which is accompanied by ungodliness and immorality. If we are not located at the well of a Father there will be an ignorance of divine things that causes people to behave immorally and ungodly.

*(John 4:7 NKJV)*

*7 A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, " Give Me a drink."*

This woman which is a picture of a hybrid, mixed, confused church comes to drink water at the well. Jesus says asks for a drink from His own well because before Abraham was "I am". It is like Elijah asking for a cup of water and the piece of cake first.

*(1 Kings 17:10 NKJV)*

*10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink."*

Jesus is Elijah who is to come.

*(Matthew 11:13-14 NKJV)*

*13 For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. 14 And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come*

What is a simple request becomes complicated.

**POLITICAL**

*(John 4:9 NKJV)*

*9 Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans*

Jesus is the living water and He is the fullness of the Kingdom of God. We place limitations on receiving the living water and the fullness of the Kingdom because we can become political in our approach to the Kingdom of God. The well is built on the principle of Fathers and Sons which is a family structure not a political structure. When relationships start becoming politicised then we miss the living water that is standing before us.

When we begin to control spheres and become territorial we moving into an area of politics of ministry. Living water flows because of its liquidity. It can penetrate any environment. The Spirit of God moves when relationships are organic and flexible. When our movement from individualistic sonship finds its path into corporate sonship we will shift into the realm of "brethren" and we begin to experience the command of His blessing which is "life forevermore" - (Ps 133)

*(John 4:10 NKJV)*

*10 Jesus answered and said to her, " If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."*

Mixture clouds of view of who God is what He has available for us. The gift of God is eternal life which "zoe" life or the God kind of life. This life comes by the living water that is in us. Politics places limitations on the dominion that comes through this life.

NATURAL

*(John 4:11 NKJV)*

*11 The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water?"*

The natural points to the supernatural. She saw the natural problems of how to get water but was unable to perceive the One who is the living water.

The disciple Andrew looked at the natural when he only saw five loaves and two fish without seeing the Bread of Life who was present with them.

*(John 6:8-9 NKJV)*

*8 One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, 9 "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many*

We are too naturalised in our approach to life and become immune to seeing, perceiving, discerning and receiving spiritual life. God is all around talking to us through natural elements, we who are spiritual must perceive His ways.

*(1 Corinthians 2:12-14 NKJV)*

*12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.*

*13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned*

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The word is spirit and life. When we observe ourselves by the spirit of the word and not the natural carnal man we become doers. As doers of the word whatever we do will be blessed.

Money is not natural is it spiritual. God is Spirit. We cannot serve God and Mammon. If we view money from the natural then we always need it. If we view money from the Spirit then it flows like living water.

#### HISTORICAL

*(John 4:12 NKJV)*

*12 Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?"*

History must inform the present but not determine how the present functions. Moses functioned from history and missed the the promised land. We can miss the Promised One when we hold an historical view. History gives you experience that can determine doctrine. Apostles Doctrine is the Doctrine of Christ which is not historical but an eternal living being.

*(John 8:53 NKJV)*

*53 Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Who do You make Yourself out to be?"*

The Spirit of the Pharisee draws from history but misses the present. We can view Christ historically and not seem from the realm of eternity.

*(John 4:13-14 NKJV)*

*13 Jesus answered and said to her, " Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life*

We can miss the foundation and settle for a drink. The elder son wanted a goat when he had the entire inheritance. We can settle for a pot of stew rather than the double portion. When we hold onto to history we place limitations on the present.

#### PHYSICAL

*(John 4:15 NKJV)*

*15 The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."*

The woman wanted physical satisfaction rather than spiritual. She did not want to come to the well anymore to draw water because she wanted satisfaction in the natural. Our physical needs become prioritised above our spiritual needs. Much of our physical needs are pointing to a deeper spiritual lack. Our thirst for Him must be greater than our thirst for physical demands. All things are in Him.

The Father knows what we have need of before we ask Him. But if we prioritise the Kingdom all things will be added to us. This is the mentality of the multitude and not a son.

*(John 6:26-27 NKJV)*

*26 Jesus answered them and said, " Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. 27 Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him*

Our labor can be connected to the physical and not the supernatural. We can labour to meet physical needs and miss the Bread of Life.

## PSYCHOLOGICAL

*(John 4:16-18 NKJV)*

*16 Jesus said to her, " Go, call your husband, and come here."*

*17 The woman answered and said, "I have no husband."*

*Jesus said to her, " You have well said, 'I have no husband,' 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly*

The need for water comes from the lack of a covenantal relationship. This woman has been through five husbands and is now involved with another man. Six is the number of flesh. This mixture has led to a psychological break down as to how this woman views men. She sees them as just some one who can meet a need and not someone with which she can build a family. Her relationships are carnal and lustful.

She cannot view a man as a Father. Mixture leads to an incorrect perception of an authority figure through whom God chooses to release living water. We miss living water because we have strongholds in our minds that are resistant to the love of a Father.

## GEOGRAPHICAL

*(John 4:20 NKJV)*

*20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship."*

For most people church is geographical. It is the location or the place that is prized above the person of Christ. Christ was standing in the place but her view was clouded by the location. God is omnipresent through us the Body of Christ. His Spirit lives in us and the glory of the Lord is covering the earth through His Body which is the Church.

Much of the church is focused on geography in terms of the temple being rebuilt but we are the temple in every city where His Body gathers. We limit our dominion mandate when we become location centred rather than person centred.

*(John 4:21-24 NKJV)*

*21 Jesus said to her, " Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22 You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth*

We can worship what we do not know because it is replaced by a place or location. The location of church becomes the object of our worship and is the replacement of Christ who is the Head of the Church. We can talk more about church than the Head of the Church. If we want to experience the living water we must worship the Father in spirit and in truth.

When we study what we spend our money on we know what we worship. The place must become the people, the house, the temple, the city, the nation is a people that have become the living water flowing into all the nations.

We are the New Jerusalem

*(Revelation 21:2-3 NKJV)*

*2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying,*

*“Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God*

#### MYSTICAL

*(John 4:25-26 NKJV)*

*25 The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When He comes, He will tell us all things.”*

*26 Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am He*

That which is a mystery must be revealed. Christ is the mystery in us that must be revealed. We have stewards that have unveiled the mysteries. Deep things and secret things are revealed because of the living water that is within us. Christ is not a mystery to us because He is with us through His Body.

*(Ephesians 5:30-32 NKJV)*

*30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. 31 “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” 32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church*

We know that Christ is coming or returning for His bride the church. We cannot just live in the realm of the future but must make Christ real to those who are present now.

#### GENEALOGICAL

When that revelation comes to the woman she immediately shifts from independent thinking to city thinking.

*(John 4:28-30 NKJV)*

*28 The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, 29 “Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?” 30 Then they went out of the city and came to Him*

This woman received the seed of many men but not the Seed of Christ. When she received the Seed called Christ she spoke to all the men in the city. The genetics of the city changed because those who have seed bearing capacity came into contact with Christ who is the Seed. The Samaritans who are a mixed seed have now connected to the pure seed.

Our dominion mandate is too multiply the Seed called Christ. This is through the wineskin of Fathers and Sons. We must prove our genealogy according to the Seed of Christ. This takes place because of the living water within us. It is a spirit to spirit connection.