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La Jolla Christian Fellowship
Genesis: Behind the Curtain: Ep. 3 Adam
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Genesis 1:26-28

26 Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

2 Stories Of Mankind's Creation

1. Genesis 1 expresses the structural calling and duty of mankind to rule in co-dominion.
2. Genesis 2 expresses the relational calling between the sexes.

God's original intention was for man and woman to rule with equality and dominion over the rest of creation.

1. **“Let us make mankind”**
 - a. **Vs. 28** God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.

2. **“In our image and likeness”**
 - a. Equal but not the same. Equal but not Interchangeable¹

WOMEN SUFFERED A LOSS OF RULE

3. **Vs. 28b Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”**
 - a. **Loss of rule: Gen 3:16** To the woman he said, “I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labor you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.”

CHRIST RESTORED WHAT WAS LOST

1. In Genesis 1 we see that mankind was meant to rule as equals. Have you noticed this in scripture before?
2. What do you see as the main differences between men and women as a whole? Do you see any?
3. Why would God punish women with a lack of rulership?
4. Do you agree that if Jesus sets us free from the curse of the law than women's punishment has been paid for and that they are fully restored to co-dominion?
5. How if at all does God's original intention for men and women change your thoughts on their roles today?

¹<https://www.census.gov/library/stories/2019/08/your-health-care-in-womens-hands.html>