

The Three Blessings of God

Sermon Topic: The Three Blessings of God

Bible Verse: Genesis 1:28

Sermon Theme: Explanation of the Three Blessings

Main idea: When God created man he said all things were very good. God made no provisions for evil. God intended that there only be goodness in this world. What was God's expectation for man in his world? Certainly not the present situation of the world, not the world as it has been throughout history. Clearly, God's will was not accomplished in the beginning. God expressed his desire in Genesis 1:28 when he told Adam and Eve to be fruitful, multiply, and have dominion.

Meaning of the Three Blessings of God:

1. Be fruitful. God wanted Adam and Eve to be one with him, or perfect as God is perfect (Matthew 5:48). Jesus said that we are a temple of God and God's spirit should dwell in us. In the same way Jesus said he was in the Father and the Father in him. And Genesis tells us God breathed the spirit into Adam. Compare the reality of man (Romans 7:21). God created us to be divine and to inherit His full nature, which would make sin impossible. Perfect man is one who cannot sin. Adam and Eve were not born this way, but would have achieved this state. Now our bodies are not temples of God but temples of sin and death.
2. Multiply. This means marriage. It is interesting to see that even in the Garden there was a precondition to marriage: become fruitful. Individual perfection was the precondition of marriage. God's standard of original marriage is very different from today and through history. In Genesis God says that husband and wife should become one. God created man in His image, male and female as described in Genesis 1:27. Therefore the full

manifestation of the image of God must be when a man and a woman of perfection become one as husband and wife and as, therefore, parents. If Adam and Eve had achieved this kind of marriage, then what kind of children would they have given birth to? Children without original sin. And from that family would expand the tribe, society, nation, and world. That would be the kingdom of God. God's image would have expanded to an entire world culture. Adam and Eve would be True Parents. True Parents are parents that pass on benefit, not sin, to the children. We can see that actually Adam and Eve were not True Parents; man has not has True Parents. We have all inherited sin: "...all have sinned and fallen short of the glory..."

3. Dominion. Man and creation would have a perfect love relationship. Man would love the creation and the creation would respond in love and beauty.

Summary: God' original plan for the kingdom of God was not realized in his heart, but he has never given up on the prospects of the kingdom. That is why God sends the messiah: to build the kingdom and to make us True Parents who don't pass on original sin to our children.