

What Does God Expect from Me? Genesis 1:27-28

Thank you for joining me once again today for "It's a Good Life." You know, many people today are running about here and there, not knowing what to do. What does God expect from you?: What does God expect from me? In Genesis chapter 1 and verse 26, it says, *And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them ... that's mankind... have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.*

Genesis 1:28 says, *And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*

We're not only to have dominion, according to Genesis 1:26 and 1:28, but according to Genesis 1:28, we're also to multiply. Genesis 1:28 also says that we are to subdue. Well, what do these things mean? "Dominion" means to rule over. "Multiply" means to increase. "Subdue" means to conquer.

Dominion, first of all... if I were to look around today, I would have say that there are very few men in this world because of the condition of this world. We're to be a man. Be a man, men. First Corinthians 16:13 says, *Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.* Don't only act like a man, but be a man. God does not expect the world to have dominion over you as a man.

Revelation 3:21 says, *To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.*

Ephesians chapter 1, verses 19-23, says this: ¹⁹*And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-*

ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, ²⁰Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: ²²And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, ²³Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

We have the power today as Christians to be men and women who stand up for the Lord Jesus Christ because God the Father has placed all things under the feet of Jesus. In other words, He's given Him all power, and Jesus has transferred power to us as His ambassadors for Him to get the job done that God wants done.

Well, we're to have dominion. We're to be men. We're to be women who stand up for those things that we know to be right.

In the beginning, God said, *Let us make man in our image.* Jude 8 says, *Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.*

There are so-called do-gooders today who despise dominion. They despise people having authority. They say, "Peace at any cost." It used to be that we would say, "Better red than dead." Now, we say that Russia is our friend. We say that China is our friend. We don't use the term "red" anymore, and very seldom do we hear someone say "Communist" because that might offend someone, but we need to stand up and realize that God is telling us that we are to have dominion over those people who would do us wrong. And when I say "dominion," I don't mean that we retaliate or that we beat them over the head with a club. I'm saying

that we do not partake in their deeds of this world. We are to stand up for what God has given us as people of God. We are to stand up and take control of our lives and live for the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the book of Romans, chapter 1 and verse 18-32... I know this is a long Scripture reading, but I'm going to read it. "In the beginning, God said 'Adam and Steve.'" No, God did not say, "Adam and Steve." God said, "Adam and Eve." Then we need to stand up and be counted as men, not as women. Forgive me, ladies, for saying that. Women are very important in this life. Women are to have dominion, as well. Without them, there is no multiplication...what we're going to look at next. The Bible says that, in Genesis 1:28, we are to multiply. Then how are these individuals who claim to know everything...they're the smartest people in the world...how are they going to multiply if they do not have women? If they do not take women as wives? God said, "In the beginning," and we look back and we see that it was Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve.

In Romans 1:18, it says this: ¹⁸*For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; ¹⁹Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. ²⁰For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: ²¹Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.*

Let me stop there just a moment. When these people say that they believe that they have all the rights in the world to get married, man and man, and woman with woman, they're overlooking the fact that God says you're without excuse, that you are foolish, that you are not performing the things

of God. Now, I didn't say that God didn't love these people. I'm saying that God loves all of us. I'm saying that these people are badly mistaken, led astray by the devil, and they're trying to lead everybody else astray.

Notice verse 22 of Romans chapter 1.

²²*Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, ²³And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.* They would rather serve and worship something that's not real than serve and worship the real God.

Verse 24: ²⁴*Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: ²⁵Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.* We care more about the bird today than we do the human body...of protecting ourselves. We care more about that fish in the sea that someone says is endangered than we care about ourselves. We care more about the tree that we say should not be cut down than we care about the living conditions of those people who need something to live in. We need to understand that God has given us dominion over all those things. We are not to sacrifice man for those things that do not bring honor and glory to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Notice verse 26 of Romans chapter 1: ²⁶*For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: ²⁷And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.*

Now you can go ahead and read down through verse 32 later on, but we've left the precepts of

God today, and we've turned to the precepts of the devil. We get so concerned about offending someone that we forget that we are offending Almighty God, because we've turned against Him.

And if we don't take dominion, then the world will take dominion of us. The less dominion Christians have, the more law there is to control us and the world, and we're seeing that today in our world, how that things are in a mess. We've turned away from God and turned towards man. We've turned from the things of God and turned toward the things of the devil instead of realizing that God wants us to serve Him and He will bring honor and glory to us as we bring honor and glory to Him. He will take care of our country as long as we take care of His business.

Not only are we to be men among men and quit being pantywaisted, thumb-sucking compromisers as men, but we are to also have dominion. We are to multiply, according to Genesis 1:28. Why multiply? So we can have dominion. If something doesn't multiply, it soon dies out. If Christians don't multiply, there can be no dominion. We need to win souls for Christ. We need to tell others about Jesus. We need to be an example.

Lot was an example. What kind of example was he? Well, I'll tell you. Lot was an example that went along with the crowd. He upheld those people who were homosexuals around him. He upheld those things that came against God. And we see that only he and his two daughters were saved out of that place, Sodom and Gomorrah. Did Lot multiply himself in people? No, he did not. And the only two people who came out with him were his two daughters. And the result...the world overtook him.

The Bible teaches us that we need to stand for God, and if we don't stand for Him, if we don't stand up for what's right, we'll fall for anything. And that's where our world is today. People are not taking a stand for the Lord. I pray that you are. I pray that

you are living for the Lord today, and if you've not trusted Him as your Savior, you're not living for Him. You're not on your way to Heaven. You are not concerned about your country. You say, "How can you say that?" Because the Bible tells me that. That's how I can say it.

God loves you today and He wants you to be saved. He wants you to be on your way to Heaven. God sent His Son to die for you on the cross. If you're willing to turn from your sin, He's willing to turn to you and say, "Come into my home. I receive you as my son"... or "my daughter." God loves you today, and you need to turn to Him and say, "Lord, forgive me of my sin. Come into my heart. I receive you as Lord and Savior." If you'll do that, God will save you. And not until.

And if you are saved and you're not living for Him, shame on you. You don't love your country either. If you love your country, you'll live for the Lord. You'll serve Him and you'll do what's right. God loves each of us today, and we need to return that love to Him by saying, "I love You, Jesus. Come into my heart," or, "Jesus, I love you. I'm going to serve You from this point on."

Thank you for being with me today, and let me remind you to look at our Website, www.LRWM.org.

Until the next time when you hear me say, "It's a good life," may the Lord bless you richly is my prayer.