

SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY - ORIGINAL INTENT | IN CHRIST

Genesis 1:26–28 (NKJV)

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 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."

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Man — *ʾādām*: Male or living human inhabitants of the earth; mankind.

Image — *tselem*: Visual appearance; likeness or resemblance; replica, figure. Signifies an image or copy of something.

Likeness — *demûwth*: Similar in appearance, character, or nature; essential nature including morality, reason, and free will.

Let them have dominion — *râdâh*: To exercise authority over; tread down; bring under control; dominate; rule over.

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Created — *bârâ'*: To bring into existence; to make something not previously existing.

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Genesis 2:7 (NKJV)

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

Subdue — kabash: To tread down; conquer; restrain or dominate by force; bring into bondage; achieve by force.

Dominion — radah: To bring under control; conquer and make submissive; dominate or rule over.

Note: The instruction to subdue and have dominion was spoken into a sinless world that needed to be defended, not conquered.

Formed — yâtsar: To press, fashion, shape; create out of existing material.

John 4:24 (NKJV)

God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

John 1:1–3 (NKJV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

John 17:17 (NKJV)

Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

2 Corinthians 4:18 (NKJV)

While we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Philippians 2:5–11 (NKJV)

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He

humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.