

New Covenant Inheritance: Lesson 9 – Grace and Dominion

This lesson looks at the seventh nation that was squatting on the Promised Land. **Genesis 15:21** identifies them as the **Amorites**. This bondage has allowed the curse to work its devastating work in the natural world. But praise God, what the “Amorites” bound up and prevented man from using has been given back to Christians by what Jesus did for us. Amorite bondage is probably one of the most insidious and misunderstood bondages that Christians live under today. Let’s look at the Hebrew meaning of Amorites and see what it typifies as this seventh aspect of our inheritance.

Amorites - ‘Aleph mem resh yud’ (H567) from root word ‘Aleph mem resh’ (H559)

Strong’s definition of the root word ‘amar’ [H559] is: *A primitive root; to say (used with great latitude): - answer, appoint, avouch, bid, boast self, call, certify, challenge, charge, + (at the, give) command (ment), commune, consider, declare, demand, X desire, determine, X expressly, X indeed, X intend, name, X plainly, promise, publish, report, require, say, speak (against, of), X still, X suppose, talk, tell, term, X that is, X think, use [speech], utter, X verily, X yet.*

This definition leads us back to New Covenant Principle of Dominion (NCP Lesson 5). The root word, ‘amar’ is the action of speaking. The derivation to Amorite makes it mean using speech for publicity and prominence. The bondage placed on man was to get their speech to promote the actions of the curse in the earth. Hopefully, you recall that dominion has the two aspects of power and authority. When Adam sinned he rejected his connection to God’s power and became connected to Satan’s power. However, for Satan to get his power to work in destroying man (make the curse work), he had to get man to speak what Satan wanted. So the bondage of the Amorites is the bondage that causes men to speak about the negative things of the curse. Fallen human nature is far more responsive to negative things than to positive things. Most people expect bad things to happen, not just because of past experience (although that certainly reinforces it), but because human nature (conscience) knows there is a consequence for every wrong thing that is done and the time will come when the cost has to be paid. Of course, the good news is that Jesus paid for the consequences and has set us free from reaping them. Our inheritance is the restoration of our dominion over the curse in this earth and the impartation of grace (God’s favor which includes His power) that enables us to live in shalom.

The reason this bondage is insidious and misunderstood is that most people have no clue that they are under it. One of the major problems people have, including most Christians, is that they still use their words to activate the curse in their lives. They still operate under the bondage of the Amorites. Fortunately, you now know that you have been restored to the state Adam was in before he bowed to Satan. So let’s start with a look at how Adam operated in that pre-disobedience state.

Read **Genesis 2:4-9** and answer the following:

What did the Lord create (v4)? _____.

What two things were in the earth that God created (v5)? _____.

What was the state of these two things (v5)? _____.

What were the two reasons these two items remained in their initial state (v5-7)? _____.

The word “till” (KJV) in verse 5 is the Hebrew word ‘ladab’ which means ‘to work in a wide variety of senses’. Strong’s definition includes synonyms of “serve, till, enslave, execute, bring to pass, compel, labor, dress, worshipper”. The statement is saying that there was not a man to exercise dominion over (work) the land – to compel it to produce fruit. Furthermore, between the words “till” and “ground” is AT (Aleph Taph). The Hebrew letters of these three words are “*lamed bet aleph dalet (work) – aleph taph – heh dalet mem heh (ground)*”). Jesus is in this sentence as **He is the preeminent man with dominion over this earth**. This was the plan even before God created man.

How did God correct this deficiency (v7)? _____.

What did man become after God breathed into him (v7)? _____.

This description is two Hebrew words “*lanephesh chayah*” which literally translates as “into being living”. Hebrew scholars say the best English translation of these words together is “speaking spirit”. God made man in His image - speaking spirits who exercise dominion (work) by their declarations that create and control things.

Then in verse 8 God created a garden in Eden and put man there. He used the garden to teach Adam how to “till the ground”. Father was teaching His son how to exercise dominion over the created world. There was no sweat of self-effort involved in this “work”. It was simply declaring what needed to happen so God’s power could do it.

According to **Genesis 2:15**, what was man’s task in Eden? _____.

First task is the Hebrew word “*labad*”, the same as is used in verse 5. The second is “*yulashamareh*”, literally “to care for her”. Strong’s gives synonyms of “hedge about, guard, protect and attend to”.

Now read **Genesis 2:19-20**.

What did God bring to Adam (v19)? _____.

Why did God bring them (v19)? _____.

What did Adam do (v20)? _____.

The Hebrew words translated “gave names” are “*qara shem*” which mean “proclaim/pronounce/say” and “definite and conspicuous position; an appellation, as a mark or memorial of individuality; by implication honor, authority, character.” The Hebrew is stating that in “*qara shem*” Adam was defining the nature of each of the creatures. God taught Adam how to use his words to create and define what he saw for each creature. I believe that God’s plan was for Adam and his progeny to turn the whole world into an Eden like state through the exercise of their dominion.

Unfortunately, **Genesis 3:4-5** tells us that Adam failed to protect the garden; he let Satan into it. Furthermore, he allowed Eve to obey Satan and then did the same himself, resulting in mankind being placed under Satan’s power. Fortunately for us, God already had the plan for redeeming us and prophesied about it in **Genesis 3:15**. We now live in the reality that Jesus has crushed Satan’s head and, along with Jesus, we have received the inheritance of dominion over everything.

I have taken you through this passage to show that in restoring dominion to us, Father has put us back into the state that Adam had in Eden. Father has restored to us the ability to declare His truth and that is what causes it to come to fruition in this world. This tells us that it is our responsibility to declare what God says about the curse that is operating in this world. God’s power can only stop the curse from operating when a redeemed man declares the truth to this natural world. This applies to every area of our lives. Our inheritance of dominion means we get to expel the symptoms of the curse and to prevent any further outbreaks of it by our declaration of the truth. So say what God says about your circumstances and watch His power move on your behalf.

How does Jesus describe the dominion He now has in **Revelation 1:18**? _____.

What has Jesus given to us (**Matthew 16:19**)? _____.

How does Jesus say we exercise this dominion (**John 16:23-24**)? _____.

There are two different Greek words that are translated as ‘ask’ in **John 16:23-24**. The first ‘ask’ is “*erotao*” which Strong’s defines as “to interrogate, beseech, desire, entreat”. In modern English we would say “beg”. The second ‘ask’ in verse 23 and both asks in verse 24 are the Greek word “*aiteo*” which Strong’s says means “to ask in general”. The key to understanding this instruction is that the second ask in verse 23 and first in verse 24 are

both in the Aorist tense. This means Jesus is saying that “our asking for something is a one-time event”. We don’t beg God for things, we simply declare our request and Father gives it (so that our joy may be full).

While we’re in this passage, read **John 16:33**. What does Jesus say we will have? _____.

What is our response to tribulation? _____.

Why is this our response? _____.

The real truth of this statement of Jesus is given the Amplified Bible which says “I have deprived the world of its ability to hurt you”. This reinforces the truth that God’s plan is for us to live free from this present evil world (**Galatians 1:4**). We get to live outside of the curse and to bring deliverance to this natural world (**Romans 8:19**).

Let’s look at three foundational things we now have dominion over, because we have been freed from them. Match the scripture against what we have dominion over:

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| 1. Death. _____ | A. Romans 6:14 |
| 2. Sin. _____ | B. Romans 7:1&6 |
| 3. Law. _____ | C. Romans 6:9 |

Write out **Romans 8:2**. _____

Read **Romans 8:15-17**. What spirit have you received (v15)? _____.

What have we been made (v16)? _____.

In what have we been joined with Jesus (v17)? _____.

Romans 8:17 makes the statement “*if we suffer with Him*”. The benefit of this suffering is that we are glorified with Him. So it behooves us to find out what it means to “*suffer with Him*”.

The first type of suffering is found in **Hebrews 2:10**, which says that Jesus “*was made perfect through sufferings*”. This can’t be talking about the suffering He went through to pay for our sin, because paying for our sin actually required him to be made sin. Being made sin is the opposite of being made perfect. So what suffering is this verse talking about? We find the answer in **Hebrews 2:18** – which says he “*suffered being tempted*”. What was he tempted with? The answer is found in the wilderness temptations (**Matthew 4:1-11**) and in the garden of Gethsemane (**Luke 22:39-44**). These temptations were all about getting Jesus to operate out of His own self-effort; to solve the “problem” by his own performance. This is the same suffering that all Christians face today. Satan wants us to do things by our own performance, self-effort and abilities. Jesus resisted the temptation to act from his own self-effort and this made Him perfect. If Satan can get us to fall for this temptation, he can get us living in mixture. As you know, living in mixture short circuit’s our dominion and prevents grace from flowing through us to prevent the curse from operating.

The other type of suffering that Christians face is found in **2 Timothy 3:12**: “*Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.*” The context tells us that this persecution is the attacks of people against us, not the attacks of the curse (the world). We do not use our dominion to control people; we use it to fix circumstances. We declare blessing on people, with the greatest blessing being that the light of the gospel shines into their hearts to bring them to a revelation of Jesus (**2 Corinthians 4:4-6**). The whole reason persecution comes against us is to get us off saying what God says. If Satan can stop us declaring the truth, he can thwart God’s plans for us.

All other types of suffering (from the curse) should not happen to Christians. Jesus took all these in His body when He suffered on the cross. If He took it all, then thinking that must to suffer it, is denying the power of His completed work. **Philippians 3:10** say we are to share in the “fellowship of his sufferings”, not in His sufferings.

Our fellowship is living free from the curse because He suffered in being made a curse for us (**Galatians 3:13**). According to **Romans 8:17**, when we exercise dominion over temptation and persecutions, then we are glorified together with Jesus.

Who does **Hebrews 3:1** say Jesus is? _____.

What does **Hebrews 4:14** say we must do? _____.

What does **Hebrews 4:15** say Jesus experienced? _____.

How does **Hebrews 4:16** say we overcome the temptation to do things in our own strength? _____.

Now read **Mark 11:12-14 & 20-24**, and answer the following:

What did Jesus do to the tree (v14)? _____.

Why did the tree dry up from the roots (v20)? _____.

What did Jesus say the disciples needed (v22)? _____.

Do you have what the disciples needed (**Romans 12:3**)? _____.

How do you exercise this gift (v23)? _____.

What state must your heart be in (v23)? _____.

What makes it easy to be in this state of heart? _____.

Jesus tells us that when we know what we have (our inheritance), we simply speak to the circumstances what the truth says about them. We don't talk to God about the circumstances; we use our dominion to fix them. Let's look at a few scriptures that teach us about how we should be speaking. Read **Ephesians 4:22-32**.

What conversation have you let go of (v22)? _____.

What is being renewed (v23)? _____.

What are we to speak to each other (v25)? _____.

What gives place to the devil (v26,27)? _____.

What should our words do to others (v29)? _____.

How should we treat one another (v32)? _____.

What should characterize our speech (**Ephesians 5:20**)? _____.

Why do we have the armor of God (**Ephesians 6:18**)? _____.

What is it within you that comes out in speech and song to bless others (**Colossians 3:16**)? _____.

What should frame our speech (**Colossians 4:6**)? _____.

Our inheritance of dominion is operating every time we speak. This is why it is so important to believe what God says about every area of our lives, for "*out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks*" (**Luke 6:45**). This is one of the main reasons that God has given us the gift of speaking in tongues. We get to let Holy Spirit declare from our mouths what needs to be spoken, so that His power can bring it to pass. Dominion is an exciting part of our inheritance because it enables us to live in this world the same way as Jesus did when He lived here. Receive the abundant supply of grace that gets us saying what God says, and you will enjoy seeing God do mighty things.