

Sermon Discussion

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Read Matthew Genesis 1:27-2:3 together.

Dig Deeper

The words “*subdue*” and “*have dominion*” imply a degree of sovereignty and control that God delegated to man over nature. God commanded Adam and Eve to acquire knowledge so they could master their material environment and to bring all its elements into the service of the human race. The dominion which man/woman enjoyed in the Garden of Eden was a direct consequence of the image of God in them.

In v. 3, the word “*seventh*” comes from a Hebrew root meaning “to be full, completed, entirely made up.” “*Rested*” means ceased from activity. There is no implication that God felt fatigued by His creative activity and needed to rest. He simply stopped creating.

God “*blessed*” the seventh day in that He set it apart as different from the other days of creation. It was a memorial of His creative work.

1. In the sermon, there was an emphasis that human beings are “made to rule” creation. What do you believe the Bible is saying? What does it mean to have dominion over the earth?
2. Do you have a pattern of “rest” or “sabbath” in your life? Why or why not?
3. How should a Christian whose job requires him/her to work on Sunday deal with the Sabbath principle?
4. How can we keep the Sabbath principle without falling into legalism?

Application & Prayer

- Has this sermon pointed any area in your life that you need God to transform? Ask someone to pray with you about it.
- Schedule a time this week to spend alone with God. Use this time to actively praise God for His creation and for His care of you. Thank Him for modeling a pattern of rest and ask Him to give you wisdom as to how you are to care for His creation.