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We need to understand God's original blueprint for humanity to understand what Jesus has redeemed on the Cross of Calvary, who we became after salvation, and the assignment we carry to grasp the importance of territorial intercession and warfare fully.

God's blueprint for humanity was to walk in and exercise the dominion of the Trinity on earth. God created Adam and Eve in His image and likeness in His presence. They knew nothing else but His company. The Word says He came down and blew His breath into Adam (Genesis 2:7), and Zoë life started to flow in him, and Adam was instantaneously in an uninterrupted fellowship with God because of his innocence. God created Eden for them (Genesis 2:8-11,15). His instruction was clear: to be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it [using all its vast resources in the service of God and man], and have dominion. (Genesis 1:17-31) They had to multiply and populate whatever they inherited in the garden of Eden all over the earth. God wanted His Kingdom to come everywhere.

What does Eden mean?

Eden is a noun, meaning:

- The place where Adam and Eve lived before the Fall. Genesis 2:8–24.
- A delightful region or abode, paradise.
- A state of perfect happiness or bliss.
- A place of extreme beauty, delight, or happiness.

Eden is translated as Garden of Eden, Promised land, Heaven on earth, Heaven, utopia.

Because of sin, humanity lost this place of uninterrupted fellowship with God in His presence. They lost peace with God, which gave sin and its effect authority and control to establish massive chaos on earth in the lives of people and nature. We know where there is an absence of God's presence, chaos rules, as evil dominates the spiritual climate.

It is **possible to be saved but not safe** in the area where you live because of the spiritual climate under the dominion of satan and his evil agents.

As we study territorial intercession and warfare, we will note that God never changed His mind. He did not change His mandate and assignment to the Ecclesia. He never stopped desiring that we will return to His ways, His ancient paths by seeking Him and His presence more than anything.

Jeremiah 6:16

Thus says the Lord: Stand by the roads and look; and ask for the eternal paths, where the good, old way is; then walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk in it!

This Scripture explains how God had repeatedly warned the people by revealing His truth through the various prophets, and He had told the people of Israel and Judah to look for the ancient paths that God provided. Sadly, the people did not heed those exhortations and instead turned away from what God had said. They rejected those ancient paths and instead walked a path deserving of and ultimately receiving judgment from God at the hands of the Babylonians.

2. Two foundational principles for intercession

Intercession, whether it is territorial intercession, prophetic intercession, or just standing in the gap for one soul, is based on two foundations:

1. The Law of love, love for God and love for people.
 - The intercessory ministry is not based on the desire to pray.
 - The intercessory ministry is not based on the desire to be powerful.

Love is the genuine biblical foundation for intercessory ministry.

James 2:8

If indeed you [really] fulfill the royal Law in accordance with the Scripture, You shall love your neighbor as [you love] yourself, you do well.

James (Jacob) 2:8

Your calling is to fulfill the royal Law of love as given to us in this Scripture: "You must love and value your neighbor as you love and value yourself!" For keeping this Law is the noble way to live. (TPT)

2. The principle of shared dominion.

Psalms 115:16

The heavens belong to our God; they are His alone, but **He has given us the earth and put us in charge.** (TPT)

Psalm 115:16 confirms that God never revoked our assignment to share His dominion on earth: "The heavens are the Lord's heavens, **but the earth has He given to the children of men.**

Psalm 8

4 What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of [earthborn] man that You care for him?

5 Yet You have made him but a little lower than God [or heavenly beings], and You have crowned him with glory and honor.

6 **You made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands**; You have put all things under his feet:

7 All sheep and oxen, yes, and the beasts of the field,

8 The birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, *and* whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

9 O Lord, our Lord, how excellent (majestic and glorious) is Your name in all the earth!

Ephesians 3:10

[The purpose is] that through the **church the complicated, many-sided wisdom of God in all its infinite variety *and* innumerable aspects might now be made known** to the angelic rulers and authorities (principalities and powers) in the heavenly sphere.

We call God's delegated dominion to us shared dominion.

- The Ecclesia is called to be an advantage to civilization.
- The Ecclesia is called to impact spiritual climates over territories and regions by unveiling God's complete and diverse wisdom before every throne and rank of angelic orders in the heavenly realm.
- The Ecclesia knows the kingdom mysteries and dispenses them over territories.
- To deal with and nullify the advantage that darkness got in regions, we need to establish God's dominion where darkness rules. High-level spiritual understanding is necessary, and Holy Spirit reveals it to God's people.

These two foundations, the Law of Love and shared dominion, are of utter importance and will forever be the battlefield of God's intercessors. We need to intentionally trust Holy Spirit to help us grow in abounding love (Philippians 1:9-11) and to rule and reign with Jesus Christ as a king on earth (Revelation 5:10).
