

"Get Out of My Garden!"
EMIC Men's Breakfast
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A. Genesis 1:26 We Were Created in God's Image

1. Verse 26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness....
 - a. Image and likeness (HEB) Resemblance
 - b. Resemblance = To have the same qualities or features as another, especially in appearance.
 - c. "Some people resemble their dogs."
 - d. I resemble my parents.
2. We were created to be an exact duplicate of God.
 - a. A duplicate key is made of the same materials and operates the same way as the original.
 - b. A duplicate file has the exact same contents.
 - c. There is no deviation from the original's form and function. *(Process)*
 - d. We have the God's characteristics and His divine nature.
3. Verse 26.....Let them have dominion over..
 - a. Dominion (HEB) Prevail against; to rule and reign over.
 - b. Subjugate = Bring under dominion or control.
 - c. (AMPC) Let them have complete authority over...
4. Subdue the earth = If it gets out of line, put it back.
5. Verse 26 (MSG) God spoke: "Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature **So they can be responsible for** the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the cattle, And, yes, Earth itself and every animal that moves on the face of Earth."

B. Genesis 2:15 Adam's Responsibility

1. Verse 15 And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.
2. Dress (HEB) Oversee it, work it, till it, cultivated and develop it. *Enlarge*
3. Keep (HEB) Guard it, protect it, preserve it and build a hedge of protection around it.
4. Psalms 8:3-6 (AMPC) When I view and consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained and established, What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of [earthborn] man that You care for him? Yet You have made him but a little lower than God [or heavenly beings], and You have crowned him with glory and honor. **You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet.**
5. Adam's responsibility was to keep all intruders out of the garden.

C. Genesis 3:1-6 (PGRV) (Pastor George Rewritten Version)

The snake was more cunning than any beast of the field. He spoke to Eve and said, "Did I hear you say that you weren't allowed to eat the fruit of the trees in the garden?"

The woman answered the snake, "We can eat the fruit of the trees of the garden. The only one we can't eat from is the tree in the middle of the garden. God told us that if we were to touch it or eat it, we would die."

The snake said to the Eve, "Ahhhhh....you won't die. God knows that your eyes will be opened the day you eat it. You'll will be just like Him. You will know good and evil."

Eve turned towards the tree. It really looked good. She thought, "This could make me wise."

While reaching for the fruit, her husband Adam walked into the house. "What's going on here? What is that snake doing in our house? What did he say to you?"

"He said that if I ate from the 'Good and Evil Knowledge Tree,' I wouldn't die."

"Eve, that is a lie from the pit of hell! God said we could eat the fruit from every tree except for that one."

"Oh Adam, thank you for reminding me about God's Word!"

Adam turned around and looked at the snake. He was already back-slithering out the door. "Wait a minute, snake. I've got something to say to you."

"According to Genesis 2:15, God gave me this garden to cultivate it and to protect it. I put a blood line around this garden! You have no right to be here."

"According to Genesis 1:26, I take authority over you. I command you to leave my property right now! I cast you out."

"GET OUT OF MY GARDEN AND DON'T EVER COME BACK!!"

At the sound of those words, the serpent broke out into a snake-run. "I'm NEVER going back there again. He has complete authority over that garden. I'm outta here!"

With the serpent gone and the tree in tact, Adam and Eve went on another one their pleasant walks with God in the cool of the day.

Together, they walked and talked about all the great things He has done and is going to do.

D. Matthew 28:18-19 Take Authority Over Your Garden

1. Verses 18-19 (AMPC) Jesus....said to them, All authority (all power of rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go then and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
2. Men, it's time for us to get our righteous indignation stirred up.
3. Walk around your house and put a blood line around it.
4. You take authority over your garden and cast out everything that doesn't belong there.
 - a. Sickness and disease.
 - b. Poverty and lack.
 - c. Fear
 - d. Worry, care and anxiety.
 - e. Strife
 - f. Whatever is of the curse of the law.
5. James 4:7 (AMPC) So be subject to God. Resist the devil [stand firm against him], and he will flee from you.

DEVIL — I TAKE AUTHORITY OVER YOU IN JESUS' NAME!
GET OUT OF MY GARDEN!!

Questions

James 4:7 reveals a strategy to make the devil turn and run.

1. First the Word says to submit yourself to God.
 - Why is submitting to God so important in a strategy against the devil?
 - What are examples of submission to God?
2. Next, James 4:7 says to resist the devil. That word resist means to set one's self against, to actively oppose.
 - How do we actively oppose the devil?
 - How do we take offensive action?
 - How do we take defensive action?
3. STOP-DROP-PRAY these strategies into each other - strength for victory!

Call to action: on your way home ask the Holy Spirit to help you identify 2 areas in your life that you've been giving ground to the devil and use the weapons of your warfare discussed here to watch him run!