

Recovering our Lost Crown

Back to the Beginning, part 11

- The image of God in us is primarily that we have a **PERSONALITY** built for **RELATIONSHIPS** through **LANGUAGE**. Gen.1:26,27; Gen.5:1,2.
- Being made in God's image, the Lord puts three crowns upon His image bearers:
 - 1.) To **RULE** the Earth:
 - 2.) To **REPLENISH** the Earth:
 - 3.) To **RECEIVE** His Blessing:
- This morning, we shall seek to take a journey from man's creation to his consummation.

1. The **JOURNEY COMMENCES: Man RECEIVES a Crown, Gen.1:26-28**

- Dominion, v.26,28: to stamp down, to tread down, to prevail, and dominate.

2. The **JOURNEY CRUMBLES: Man RELINQUISHES the Crown**

A. Man rebelled and did exactly what he was commanded not to do.

B. EVERYTHING CHANGED!

C. Sin has tainted man's sinful nature and brutally influenced every aspect of the image of God in which we have been made. Man no longer rules as God made him.
Man has lost his crown.

D. Satan is the god of this world (2 Cor.4:4).

E. Remnants of the image of God in man remain.

3. The **JOURNEY CULMINATES: Man RECOVERS the Crown**

- Hebrews 2:5-9

A. WHAT IS MAN? What is his purpose and ultimate destiny?

B. By the cross Christ conquered the curse and the crown is regained for all who will turn to Christ in repentance and faith.

C. Are you born again and a citizen of His Kingdom?

Hebrews 2:9; That He by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

Hebrews 2:14; Through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil.

Daniel 7:18, 27: But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever... And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.