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## "BEING A RESTORED HUMAN"



# "GOD'S DESIGN FOR LEADERSHIP"

- I. LEADERSHIP, BEFORE THE FALL Gen 1:26-28 Gen 2:18-25
  - **A.** God created a compatible, complementary <u>team</u> to do the work He planned for them together
    - **1.** Mutual understanding of the task (<u>vision</u>)
    - **2.** Division of <u>labor</u> for the sake of the task (humble, mutual <u>submission</u> in good faith)
  - **B.** Their leadership consisted of governing the earth in the very same way God would the image of God
    - **1.** <u>Direct</u> communication with Him, learning from Him
    - **2.** Character by knowing Him the image of God
    - **3.** Life reinforced and invigorated by eating from the tree of life
  - **C.** Fruitfulness: productivity; through intimate personal relationships, increase the team size for the expanding vision and expanding community
  - **D.** Subdue: Reshape the earth's <u>wilderness</u> into the image of the Garden; expand the Garden to fill the earth with the glory of God; learn and use the principles of fruitfulness and harmony in the Garden to bring the wilderness into that temple glory
- **E.** Dominion: To rule as God has ruled over the other living beings: provision, protection, <u>compassion</u>
  Faith-filled, humble, mutually-submitted teamwork

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### II. LEADERSHIP AFTER THE FALL

- **A.** Eating from the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil would alter their state with God
  - 1. <u>Distrusting</u> God violated the principle of relationship, the operating system of God and His living beings
  - **2.** The fruit itself altered their <u>image</u>: changed thinking, changed appearance, changed relationship
  - 3. This alteration would effect their children negatively; everything after its own kind
- **B.** They lost daily, consistent communication with God; they lost the presence of God; they lost the beauty of the holiness of the temple of God
- **C.** They had chosen to learn from their own <u>reason</u> alone instead of the revelation of God; limitation
- **D.** They had inadvertently declared their independence from God
- **E.** Their relationship would be <u>distrust</u> and <u>competition</u>; intimacy strained
- **F.** Work is harder and more difficult; the earth would resist; rather than beautifying the earth they would use resources for their own ends
- **G.** Memory of Garden leads to utopian dreams
- **H.** Having dominion over <u>people</u> now, not simply the natural world; conflict, war, death

A new leadership model would develop to transition to these new conditions; it will become the modern model