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KEPT BY THE WORD

Genesis 1:26,28 (KJV) And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and LET THEM HAVE DOMINION over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and SUBDUE IT and HAVE DOMINION over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.

God gave them dominion twice and the second time He told them to subdue creation. To "subdue" something means to rule and to bring it under authority.

Genesis 2:8 (KJV) And the LORD God planted a garden EASTWARD in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

There was a place called, Eden and God planted a garden there in the east.

MAN HAD TO KEEP THE GARDEN

Genesis 2:15 (KJV) And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to KEEP IT.

God made man in His Image and in His likeness and told him to rule over everything that moves. That includes everything that creeps, flies, walks, crawls and swims. God then told them to eat of every tree in the garden except the one in the middle of the garden. In Genesis 3 the serpent came (he creeps and moves), but Eve did not subdue the devil neither did she rule over him. God told them to guard the garden, tend it and keep it. They had to watch over the garden so that no one steals it away from them. They had to keep it so that it would stay it the state God gave it to them. The way they had to do it was to rule over every moving thing. Instead of subduing the serpent, she started to converse with him.



Genesis 3:1 (KJV) Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

Genesis 3:8 (KJV) And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the PRESENCE OF THE LORD God AMONGST THE TREES of the garden.

The Presence of the LORD was amongst the trees. The trees were in the garden and the garden was in Eden, in the east.

Genesis 3:9-11 (KJV) And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, "Who told thee that thou was naked? Have thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou should not eat?"

God didn't tell them that they were naked. In Revelation 3:18 God came amongst the churches and told John that the people could get clothes to cover their nakedness. They lost their clothing in the garden and when man finds his way back into the garden, he can be clothed again and have the shame of their nakedness covered. In the beginning they lost their clothing and in the end they can get it back.

ANGELS KEPT THE WAY TO THE TREE OF LIFE

Genesis 3:24 (KJV) So he drove out the man; and he placed at the EAST of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to KEEP THE WAY of the tree of life.

Man was driven out of the garden and a sword to protect the tree of Life, which is in the east of the garden, which is in the east in Eden, was placed there. Angels were commanded to guard the way to the tree of Life. Adam told God that he was hiding from His Presence when God looked for them.



During the exodus from Egypt, Moses said that they would go nowhere except His Presence goes with them. Moses asked God how they would know that His Presence is with them and God instructed him to build a tabernacle with a door, which is called, the way. This door led to the outer court. Then a tent was set up inside with two portions. The one was called the Holy Place and the other portion was called the Most Holy Place. A thick curtain separated that portion and no one could go in there except the high priest and that, only once a year. When they pitched the tent or tabernacle, God appeared in the Most Holy Place in all His Glory. They always pitched the tabernacle in the same way. God told them to pitch it so that the entrance was always to the east. The twelve tribes of Israel had to stand around the tabernacle three on each side and the tribe in front of the gate was "Judah" which means, "praise". Psalm 100 says that we shall enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. The tabernacle was a shadow of what was and what is to come. God showed Moses a type of what He wanted. He wants to live in and amongst His people.

Man was driven out of the garden and from the Presence of God. The way to the tree of Life, which was in the east, was guarded by cherubim. God gave the Israelites a temporary tabernacle and they had to pitch it with its entrance to the east. The Word declares that from the rising of the sun to going down of the sun the LORD'S Name shall be praised. The sun rises in the east. So from the beginning to the end you must be in thanksgiving and in praises.

Revelation 21:3 says that the tabernacle of God is now with man. The way is now open into the temple of God. Hebrews 4 & 10 tells us that we can now go boldly into the Most Holy Place. Revelation 22:1-2 refers to the Throne where the tree of Life is. Although the way is now open to the tree of Life and the tabernacle is now with man, all do not have it. A revelation is needed about the fact that we must rule. When man did not rule and reasoned, power, glory and the Presence of God was lost in their lives.

RULE OVER SATAN

Genesis 4:7 (KJV) If thou do well, shall thou not be accepted? And if thou do not well, sin lies at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shall RULE OVER HIM.

The devil brought sin into the world and God told Cain to rule over him. Satan is the personification of sin. He moved and talked to Eve. She had to rule over him. Although Adam and Eve received clothes from God, they were still naked in the spirit according to Revelation 3. When they were driven out of the garden and had children, Cain murdered his brother and God told him that sin will lie at his door and that he must rule over him. Romans 6:12 says that sin must



not rule in your mortal bodies. In John 13 Jesus says that the devil comes, but he has no part in Him. In John 16:33 Jesus said to the disciples that they must not fear because He has overcome. Jesus said that the ruler of the world came, but because he had no part in Him; He ruled over him. Jesus took back what Adam and Eve lost in the garden (Jesus was not yet crucified).

John 16:33 (Amplified) I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace and confidence. In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.]

Man lost the Presence of God, but in Psalm 91:1 Moses said that he who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall again abide under the shadow of the Almighty. Psalm 91:10 says that if you get there under the wings, no evil shall befall thee. The cherubim were protecting the tree of Life. When the ark was built that was in the Most Holy Place in the tabernacle, there were two cherubim on the top with their wings overshadowing the mercy seat. They guarded the Presence of God there on the mercy seat.

KEEP THE WORD AND HE WILL KEEP YOU

John 17:6 (Amplified) I have manifested Your Name [I have revealed Your very Self, Your real Self] to the people whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, and You gave them to Me, and they have obeyed and KEPT YOUR WORD.

God spoke to man in the garden and told him to keep it. They just had to listen to the Word that God spoke. God spoke to them verbally and they had to keep His Words. If you keep it, it is yours. They didn't keep it, lost it and were driven out of the Presence of God. When Jesus prayed, He said that He manifested the Name of the Father to them through the miracles, the teachings and preaching. Everything Jesus did was because of Him Who sent Him. He only did what the Father said and He didn't do anything in His own Name. The Father gave Him some out of the world and they kept His Word. At this time, Jesus hadn't died yet and they hadn't done anything yet.



John 17:11-17 (Amplified) And [now] I am no more in the world, but these are [still] in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, KEEP in Your Name [in the knowledge of Yourself] those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We [are one]. While I was with them, I KEPT and PRESERVE THEM IN YOUR NAME [in the knowledge and worship of You]. Those You have given Me I GUARDED and protected, and not one of them has perished or is lost except the son of perdition [Judas Iscariot-the one who is now doomed to destruction, destined to be lost], that the Scripture might be fulfilled. [Psalm 41:9; John 6:70]. And now I am coming to You. I say these things while I am still in the world, so that My joy may be made full and complete and perfect in them [that they may experience My delight fulfilled in them, that My enjoyment may be perfected in their own souls, that they may have My gladness within them, filling their hearts]. I HAVE GIVEN and delivered to THEM YOUR WORD (message) and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world [do not belong to the world], just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that You will take them out of the world, but that YOU WILL KEEP and protect THEM FROM THE EVIL ONE. They are not of the world (worldly, belonging to the world), [just] as I am not of the world. Sanctify them [purify, consecrate, separate them for Yourself, make them holy] by the Truth; YOUR WORD IS TRUTH.

There are two things that Jesus said. Keep the Word and keep the people. They keep the Word and then God keeps them. Jesus manifested the Name of the Father to them because they kept the Word. Jesus gave them the Word of the Father and that Word is the Truth. If they keep the Word that is Truth, the Father will keep them from the world and evil. The devil is a liar and lied to man in the garden. Jesus asked the Father not to take them out of the world, but to keep them and that His Name was to be manifested to them as they keep the Word by keeping them from the devil.

John 8:29-32 (Amplified) And He Who sent Me is ever with Me; My Father has not left Me alone, for I always do what pleases Him. As He said these things, many believed in Him [trusted, relied on, and adhered to Him]. So Jesus said to those Jews who had believed in Him, If you ABIDE IN MY WORD [KEEP MY WORD] [hold fast to My teachings and live in accordance with them], you are truly My disciples. And you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free.

If you stay in the Word, which is Truth, the truth of the Word that you keep will set you free. If you are living in the freedom of the Word that set you free, the Father will honor His Name and keep you from evil, sin and the devil. It is not how you fight the devil, but how the Father will keep you from the devil. It is not how strong you are, but God Who keeps you. You have found your way back to the Presence and the Glory of God.

Between the place where man had authority and lost it and where God restored man's rule, there was a shadow of a tabernacle. As long as the shadow stood, man could not find his way to God (Hebrews 9). Since the true tabernacle



came, we don't need the shadow anymore. Jesus went into the heaven into the tabernacle that was not made with hands and He went in with His own blood to open the way. Now we can boldly enter.

JESUS BECAME THE WAY

Hebrews 6:19-20 (Amplified) [Now] we have this [hope] as a sure and steadfast ANCHOR of THE SOUL [it cannot slip and it cannot break down under whoever steps out upon it-a hope] that reaches farther and enters into [the very certainty of the Presence] within the veil, [Leviticus 16:2]. Where Jesus has entered in for us [in advance], a FORERUNNER having become a High Priest forever after the order (with the rank) of Melchizedek. [Psalm 110:4].

Hebrews 4:14-16 says that we can boldly come to the Throne of Grace. Hebrews 10:19 says that we can boldly enter the Holy of Holies. Jesus opened the real tabernacle by becoming The Way. In John 14 Jesus said that He was going to prepare a place for them, that He was going to the Father and that they knew the way. When they asked Him the way, He said that He is the Way. You can only come to the Father through Jesus. Jesus was the Forerunner Who went into the Most Holy Place. He is the Anchor for our souls. Your mind does not have to collapse or have to burn out. You do not have to be stressed or depressed. In the Presence there is an Anchor for our souls and there you find rest when you come to Him. We must renew our minds (which will get our souls right) by receiving with meekness the implanted Word that can save our souls (James 1:21).

We have the Anchor, but it is behind the veil in the Presence of God. Jesus went in as a Forerunner to open the way and became the way. Now Jesus says that we must follow Him. The way to the tree of Life is open. God wants us to live in His Presence.

In the beginning God made the earth and He made a place called Eden. In that place He planted a garden. In the middle of the garden He planted the tree of Life, which is Jesus. Then He made man in His likeness and put them in the garden. He told man to keep and guard the garden and to rule over everything that moves. The serpent came (he moved) and he told lies. Man did not rule, but reasoned with him. Then man was driven out of the garden and an angel guarded the way to the tree of Life. God told Moses that He wanted His Presence back with man and man back in His Presence. Then he made a shadow of things that was and was to come. He made the tabernacle with its way into it to the east. People had to come in with thanksgiving and praise. The tabernacle had a tent, called the Most Holy Place where the Presence of God came on the mercy seat of the ark, which were protected by cherubim. Jesus came and opened the real Way to the real tabernacle and it is now with man.



2 Corinthians 6 says that God wants to dwell with us and us with Him. Your mind is the thing that keeps you away from the Presence, because sin lies at your door and want to rule over you. But man must rule over it. Jesus gave us His Word, which is Truth. If you abide in the Word, you know the Truth and that Truth will set you free. When you keep the Word, God will manifest His own Name by keeping you from evil, sin and the devil. When God wanted to destroy Israel in the desert, Moses reminded God of His Name. God manifests Himself to us by keeping us from evil. Jesus prayed that the Father's Name must be hallowed by delivering us from evil and He prayed that we must be in the world, but that the Father must keep us from the evil one. Jesus gave the Word and we must keep the Word. When we keep the Word, we will know the Truth and that Truth sets us free. When we walk in freedom His Name is manifested because the Father will keep us from the evil one.

FIND THE WAY BACK TO THE PRESENCE

Revelation 1:10 (Amplified) I was in the Spirit [rapt in His power] on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a great voice like the calling of a war trumpet...

John was caught up into the Presence of God. He saw the Throne and all the glory. Then he heard a voice behind him and turned around - his back was therefore to the Throne.

Revelation 1:12,20 (Amplified) Then I turned to see [whose was] the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands...

As to the hidden meaning (the mystery) of the seven stars, which you saw on My right hand and the seven lampstands of gold: the seven stars are the seven angels (messengers) of the seven assemblies (churches) and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

When John turned around he saw Jesus walking in the midst of the churches. The churches were not where John was. They were outside the place where God wanted them to be. That is why God gave John the visions to write to the churches. Revelation is an admonishing, a warning and guideline to get to into the Presence. The evil cannot touch you there, even though you are still in the world. Jesus prayed to the Father that He must not take them out of the world,



but keep them. People taught the church to get out of the world, but God wants us to rule in this world with Christ to prove to the world the overcoming power of Jesus.

Jesus gave His Word and told us to keep it and the Father will keep us from evil. John was in the Presence, but the church was outside. Jesus was walking in the midst of the churches. Jesus was not manifesting Himself there, but He was telling them to repent and how to get back into the Presence. He was telling them how to overcome. In John 16:33 Jesus told the disciples not to worry about the world, because He overcame. There is an overcoming life in the world that will take them to where they are supposed to be.

Revelation 2:7 (Amplified) He who is able to hear, let him listen to and give heed to what the Spirit says to the assemblies (churches). To HIM WHO OVERCOMES (is victorious), I will grant to eat [of the fruit] of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

Jesus talks about the one that overcomes in the world and not the one that dies and goes to heaven. We must learn to keep the Word, so that we can be protected against the evil one and live an overcoming life.

Revelation 2:11,17 (Amplified) He who is able to hear, let him listen to and heed what the Spirit says to the assemblies (churches). He who OVERCOMES (is victorious) shall in no way be injured by the second death.

He who is able to hear, let him listen to and heed what the Spirit says to the assemblies (churches). To him who OVERCOMES (conquers), I will give to eat of the manna that is hidden, and I will give him a white stone with a new name engraved on the stone, which no one knows or understands except he who receives it.

Manna was one of the things that were in the Ark that was in the Most Holy Place. Everything that you get when you overcome is something that was hidden behind the veil in the Presence of God.

Revelation 2:25-26 (Amplified) Only hold fast to what you have until I come. And he who OVERCOMES (is victorious) and who obeys My commands to the [very] end [doing the works that please Me], I will give him authority and power over the nations.



Revelation 3:21-22 (Amplified) He who OVERCOMES (is victorious), I will grant him to sit beside Me on My throne, as I Myself overcame (was victorious) and sat down beside My Father on His throne. He who is able to hear, let him listen to and heed what the [Holy] Spirit says to the assemblies (churches).

Revelation 4:1-2(a) (Amplified) AFTER THIS I looked, and behold, a DOOR standing OPEN in heaven! And the first voice which I had heard addressing me like [the calling of] a war trumpet said, Come up here, and I will show you what must take place in the future. At once I came under the [Holy] Spirit's power, and behold, A THRONE stood in heaven...

The open door is the Way that was opened by Jesus. When He called John to come up higher, He did not take him out of the world, but He called him to where He is: on the Throne.

Man was in the Presence of God in the garden and to stay there, they had to rule over every moving thing. They didn't rule and was driven out of His Presence. The angel then protected the Way to the Presence with a sword in the east. Moses built a shadow of the Presence of God. The door or way into it was in the east. When Jesus was crucified, He went into the Presence as a Forerunner and He became the Way and the Anchor in the Most Holy Place. He told us to follow Him. Jesus gave us His Word and asks us to keep it so that we will overcome. The Father manifests Himself to us by keeping us from evil because we keep the Word. When we overcome we are in the Presence again, eating from the tree of Life (the hidden manna, life in the glory) and are sitting on the Throne. We then rule again.

A king sits on the throne with a crown on his head. In Revelation 1:5 and 5:9 Jesus says that He washed us with His blood to make us kings to rule. We are not washed in the blood to be able to go to heaven one day when we die. We are washed in the blood to be kings to rule. We are supposed to rule on this earth and in this world. When we overcome, we shall sit on the throne again and rule. Adam lost everything. Jesus showed us how to overcome and get everything back.

ENDURE TEMPTATION WITH PATIENCE

James 1:2 (Amplified) Consider it wholly joyful, my brethren, whenever you are enveloped in or ENCOUNTER trials of any sort or fall into various TEMPTATIONS.



When temptation comes and you know that you have an Anchor and God keeps you, while you keep the Word, nothing can overcome you, but you will overcome temptation.

James 1:3 (Amplified) Be assured and understand that the trial and proving of your faith bring out endurance and steadfastness and patience. But let endurance and steadfastness and patience have full play and do a thorough work, so that you may be [people] PERFECTLY and fully developed [with no defects], LACKING IN NOTHING.

When temptation comes it is to teach you to have patience and that is overcoming. When patience has its perfect work, you will be perfect and entire and not want anything. There is nothing that you need when you are in the Presence of God.

GET YOUR CROWN BACK

James 1:12 (Amplified) Blessed (happy, to be envied) is the man who is patient under trial and STANDS UP under temptation, for when he has stood the test and been approved, he will receive [the victor's] CROWN of life which God has promised to those who love Him.

When you stand under temptation, you are an overcomer. When you endure temptations with patience, you will get your crown back. When you get your crown, you are on the throne and you rule; you are back in the Presence.

GO THROUGH THE DOOR

Revelation 3:8 (Amplified) I know your [record of] works and what you are doing. See! I have set before you a DOOR WIDE OPEN which no one is able to shut; I know that you have but little power, and yet you have KEPT MY WORD and guarded My message and have NOT RENOUNCED or denied MY NAME.

The open door referred to is Jesus and not an opportunity. Jesus is the Door and the Way.



BACK IN HIS PRESENCE

Revelation 3: 9-12 (Amplified) Take note! I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say they are Jews and are not, but lie-behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet and learn and acknowledge that I have loved you. [Isaiah 43:4; 49:23; 60:14]. Because you have guarded and KEPT MY WORD of PATIENT ENDURANCE [have held fast the lesson of My patience with the expectant endurance that I give you. I also will KEEP YOU [SAFE] from the hour of trial (testing), which is coming on the whole world to try those who dwell upon the earth. I am coming quickly; HOLD FAST TO WHAT YOU HAVE, so that no one may ROB YOU and deprive you of your CROWN. He who OVERCOMES (is victorious), I will make him a pillar in the SANCTUARY of My God. He shall NEVER BE PUT OUT OF IT or go out of it, and I will WRITE ON HIM THE NAME OF MY GOD and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which descends from My God out of heaven, and My own new name.

Let no one take your crown again! If you have found the open door and passed through it and you keep the Word, God will keep you from temptations. Don't let moving things take your crown again. God will make you a pillar in the sanctuary and never put you out of it; you will stay in His Presence. An anchor of your soul means a steadfastness that comes with patient endurance. That comes when you keep the Word of God. He will honor His Word and keep you from evil. God will make you a pillar or a foundational thing in His Temple. God dwells in us and not in man made temples. You will not be able to go out of His Presence.

When a pillar of a building is taken out, the building collapses. The person that found the Door or the Way (Jesus) and overcomes is a pillar in the temple of God. If you are a pillar you cannot go out again. When John looked around and saw the church outside, he called them to come in. He showed them the Door and when they come in, they'll find the throne where they are supposed to sit.

If you are a pillar, no devil can get you there. A pillar cannot go out of the sanctuary ever again. Overcome by keeping the Word. You do not have to fight devils. God will keep you. You will stay in His Presence. If you are a pillar and someone wants to touch you, he has to come inside. In the sanctuary there are guardian angels that guard the tree of Life and when you are there, they protect you. There you get your crown and you rule and nothing will be able to touch you or harm you. Psalm 91 says that he who dwells in the secret place of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty and there shall no evil befall him. Angels will protect you and you will find length of days. We rule in this life with One, Christ Jesus (Romans 5:17).



Jesus prayed that we will be one as They are One and that He will be in us and us in Him. When we have this truth, God will keep us and inside of Him there is no devil that can touch us. Our lives are hidden with Christ in God.

RULE IN THE MIDST OF YOUR ENEMIES

Ecclesiastes 10:7 says that there is an error, which needs to be put right and that is the slaves that ride on horses and princes that are walking. The rulers need to be riding again and the slaves need to walk. Revelation 19:11 says that when John saw the heaven opened, he saw Jesus on a white horse with an army behind Him on white horses. This army is us. Psalm 110 says that we shall rule in the midst of our enemies and the people shall be willing in the day of His power, to rule. That is the High Priestly order.

In Matthew 9:18-30 a certain ruler came to Jesus and asked Him to lay His hands on his daughter that just died. When Jesus came to the house, He let all the people go out except the one that knew how to rule. He already said that Jesus must just lay His hands on her and she shall live. In Matthew 8:5-13 a centurion, which is a ruler over hundred came and asked Him to heal his servant and he told Jesus to just speak a Word. You must understand rulership. He just had to speak a Word and they would listen. In John 3 a ruler came to Jesus and told Him that they knew that He was from God, because no one could do these signs except it comes from God.

Isaiah 55:10-11 says His Word is like rain. It shall do what it is sent for and it shall not return void to Him. In Luke 2 Mary said to the angel that it must be done to her according to His Word. With God nothing is impossible. Every Word of God shall be fulfilled. Keep the Word and it will keep you. You do not have to keep the garden, but the Word. If you keep the Word, God will see to it that you will get back to the garden. If you are there, God will see to it that you are kept from the evil one.