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# The Biblical Doctrine of Dominion

*Study Guide*

Family Government

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A lesson-by-lesson companion for reading, discussion, and written responses.

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## Using this guide

Read the corresponding chapter, then work through the themes, arguments, and Scripture references.

Write your responses before discussing the questions with others. Use the application pages to identify a practical next step.

The study material is retained from the existing lecture study guides. Added writing prompts provide space for your own response.

Print at Actual Size / 100% on US Letter paper. Single-sided and double-sided printing are both suitable. Lessons begin on the next available page; no blank pages are inserted.

Reading assignments refer to the September 30, 2026 edition of the companion book. Online lecture links and QR codes are collected at the end.

## LESSON 1

# The Biblical Doctrine of Dominion

## *Part One*

November 14, 2019

Read Chapter 1 in the companion book, pages 5-23.

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## Major Themes

### Delegated Dominion

All dominion belongs to God inherently; any human authority is delegated and must be exercised under God's law.

**Lecture support:** Weaver states, 'any dominion, any power, any authority that any man has has been delegated to him, given him by God alone.'

### Man's Created Purpose

Man was created for dominion - to work, know, and take responsibility. Frustration arises when this purpose is unfulfilled.

**Lecture support:** Weaver says, 'man cannot be satisfied unless there is productivity in his work... if he cannot conquer, if he cannot subdue, if he cannot exercise dominion, he becomes totally frustrated.'

### The Fall as Autonomy

Adam's sin was an attempt to establish autonomous dominion, rejecting God's law for self-law, resulting in death.

**Lecture support:** Weaver explains, 'The issue is theonomy or autonomy... Adam could follow God's law or he could follow his own law.'

### Christ's Restorative Work

Jesus Christ, as the last Adam, came to restore a godly people to exercise godly dominion, succeeding where Adam failed.

**Lecture support:** Weaver says, 'Christ, the last Adam and the second man, came to restore a godly people to exercise a godly dominion.'

## Family as Dominion Sphere

The family, under male headship, is the primary unit for exercising dominion, including property ownership and generational vision.

**Lecture support:** Weaver states, 'dominion is the function of the family as well as individuals... the family under God, in the role of man as the head of the household, is to function in the sphere of dominion.'

## Obedience to God's Law

Godly dominion is only possible through obedience to God's law; rebellion produces death.

**Lecture support:** Weaver says, 'God's law is the means of dominion. You cannot have a godly dominion without having a godly obedience.'

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## Key Arguments

### Dominion is inherent to God and delegated to man

God alone possesses absolute dominion; any human authority is a delegated stewardship, as seen in Daniel 4.

**Lecture support:** Weaver says, 'Dominion is in God inherently and essentially... The only way man can exercise dominion or have any dominion or authority is by delegation.'

### Man's identity is tied to dominion

Man cannot be understood apart from work, knowledge, and responsibility; these define his dominion calling.

**Lecture support:** Weaver says, 'man can only be a man in relationship to work, knowledge, and responsibility. That is what defines a man according to the Word of God.'

### The fall was a treasonous grab for autonomous dominion

Adam's sin was an attempt to become a god, imposing his own will, which brought death to all.

**Lecture support:** Weaver says, 'Adam was actually a traitor... he's trying to impose his will upon God's creation.'

### Christ restores dominion through federal headship

As the last Adam, Christ succeeds where Adam failed, restoring a godly people to exercise dominion under God.

**Lecture support:** Weaver says, 'Jesus Christ was the second man in time and in history to sustain a headship and a federal relationship with the people.'

## **Meekness is disciplined strength for dominion**

Biblical meekness is not weakness but strength under God's control, essential for godly dominion.

**Lecture support:** Weaver says, 'Meekness is nothing more than disciplined strength under Jesus Christ. We've been broken to yoke.'

## **Property is essential to family dominion**

Private property is an aspect of family dominion; state seizure via eminent domain or property tax is unbiblical theft.

**Lecture support:** Weaver says, 'Property was an aspect of the family... when the government comes along and says, We want your property... That's theft.'

## **Obedience to God's law is the means of dominion**

Joshua 1 demonstrates that prosperity and success in dominion come through meditating on and obeying God's law.

**Lecture support:** Weaver says, 'Why was God going to be with Joshua? Because Joshua was not to turn from the left hand or the right hand from the word of God.'

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## **Scripture References**

### **Genesis 1:26-28**

The dominion mandate given to Adam.

### **Joshua 1:3**

Illustration of 'radah' as treading down.

### **Proverbs 28:28**

When the wicked rise, men hide.

### **Proverbs 29:2**

When the righteous rule, people rejoice.

### **Job 25:2**

Dominion and power are with God.

### **Daniel 4:3, 17, 32, 34**

God's everlasting dominion and rule over kingdoms.

**Genesis 9:1-2**

Dominion mandate renewed with Noah.

**Psalms 8:1-9**

Man crowned with glory and honor to have dominion.

**Genesis 2:19**

Adam classifying animals as part of dominion.

**1 Corinthians 14:33-35**

Husbands to teach wives; family headship.

**Genesis 3:1-5**

The temptation and fall.

**Genesis 2:16**

God commanded Adam, establishing his vicegerency.

**Romans 5:12, 14**

Sin and death entered through Adam.

**Proverbs 8:35-36**

Those who hate wisdom love death.

**Psalms 69:4**

Messiah restores what He did not take away.

**1 Corinthians 15:45-48**

Christ as last Adam and second man.

**1 Peter 3:18**

Christ suffered to bring us to God.

**Colossians 1:12-14**

Translated into Christ's kingdom.

**Matthew 5:5**

The meek shall inherit the earth.

**Matthew 21:5**

Christ came meek, riding a donkey.

Study notes

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## Discussion Questions

1. How does understanding dominion as delegated from God change the way we view authority in our lives?

**Consider:** Weaver emphasizes that all dominion is delegated; this should affect our exercise of authority.

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2. In what ways does modern society undermine the biblical connection between manhood and work, knowledge, and responsibility?

**Consider:** Weaver argues that man is defined by these three elements.

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3. How does the concept of 'autonomy vs. theonomy' play out in contemporary culture and politics?

**Consider:** Weaver presents the fall as a choice between God's law and self-law.

- 4.** What does it mean for Christ to be the 'last Adam' and how does that impact our identity and mission?

**Consider:** Weaver explains Christ's federal headship and restoration of dominion.

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- 5.** How can we cultivate biblical meekness (disciplined strength) in our families and churches?

**Consider:** Weaver contrasts worldly meekness with biblical meekness as strength under God.

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- 6.** What are the practical implications of viewing your home as a 'domicile' or kingdom under God?

**Consider:** Weaver connects dominion to family and property.

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7. How should Christians respond to government overreach in areas like eminent domain and property taxes?

**Consider:** Weaver calls such actions theft and unbiblical.

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8. What role does meditating on God's law play in achieving godly success and dominion?

**Consider:** Weaver cites Joshua 1:8 as the key to prosperity.

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## Applications

### **Recognize God's ultimate ownership**

Acknowledge that all authority and property belong to God; we are stewards, not owners.

**Lecture support:** Weaver says, 'God is the transcendent owner of the entire earth.'

### **Embrace work as a divine calling**

View your vocation as a religious calling to exercise dominion for God's glory.

**Lecture support:** Weaver says, 'Your calling is a religious calling because in that calling you are to exercise dominion.'

### **Reject autonomous thinking**

Submit every area of life to God's law rather than self-law.

**Lecture support:** Weaver says, 'The issue is theonomy or autonomy.'

### **Restore family headship and teaching**

Husbands must take responsibility to teach and lead their families.

**Lecture support:** Weaver says, 'the husband is to teach the wife and to teach the children.'

### **Cultivate generational vision**

Think beyond your own lifetime to equip children and grandchildren for dominion.

**Lecture support:** Weaver says, 'the family then is to have generational views.'

### **Practice biblical meekness**

Submit to God's yoke and exercise disciplined strength under His authority.

**Lecture support:** Weaver says, 'Meekness is nothing more than disciplined strength under Jesus Christ.'

### **Defend private property**

Resist unbiblical government seizure of property and recognize property as a family stewardship.

**Lecture support:** Weaver says, 'Property was an aspect of the family... That's theft.'

### **Meditate on and obey God's law**

Make God's Word the constant guide for thought and action to ensure prosperous dominion.

**Lecture support:** Weaver says, 'This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night.'

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## Personal Application and Notes

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## LESSON 2

# Pastor John Weaver - The Biblical Doctrine of Dominion

*Part Two of Two*

November 21, 2019

Read Chapter 2 in the companion book, pages 25-43.

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## Major Themes

### Christ's Absolute Dominion

Jesus Christ possesses all authority and dominion as Creator and Redeemer, and this is a central attribute of His lordship.

**Lecture support:** Weaver cites Ephesians 1:20-23, Colossians 1:14-18, and Revelation 19:11-13 to show Christ is above all powers and is the conqueror.

### Dominion as a Communicable Attribute

Dominion is inherent in God but delegated to humanity; believers exercise it under Christ through obedience.

**Lecture support:** Weaver states, 'Dominion is in God inherently. It is in us only by delegation.'

### The Great Commission as Dominion Mandate

The command to disciple nations in Matthew 28:18-20 is an application of the original dominion mandate, empowered by Christ's authority.

**Lecture support:** Weaver says, 'The Great Commission is an application of the Dominion Mandate.'

### Consequences of Denying Dominion

Denying dominion is tantamount to denying Christ, and it leads to the transfer of societal control to the ungodly.

**Lecture support:** Weaver asserts, 'When one denies dominion, in reality he's denying the Lord Jesus Christ.'

## **Obedience as the Path to Dominion**

God promises dominion to those who obey Him, while disobedience results in subjugation (Deuteronomy 28).

**Lecture support:** Weaver explains, 'Dominion is our responsibility under Jesus Christ, and it is given to us as we obey Him.'

## **The Inevitability of Christ's Victory**

All false and wicked dominion will ultimately be destroyed as Christ subdues all enemies and His kingdom grows.

**Lecture support:** Weaver quotes a friend: 'Jesus Christ will still be the great king over all the earth and his kingdom will continue to grow in prominence and power.'

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## **Key Arguments**

### **Christ's dominion is comprehensive and eternal**

Weaver argues from multiple scriptures that Christ's dominion extends over all creation and will never end.

**Lecture support:** He cites Psalm 145:13: 'Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.'

### **Denying dominion is denying Christ's lordship**

Since Christ is called Lord 747 times and the government is upon His shoulder, rejecting dominion is rejecting His authority.

**Lecture support:** Weaver states, 'Anyone who despises and denies dominion also despises and denies Jesus Christ.'

### **The Great Commission is rooted in Christ's dominion**

The command to go and make disciples is based on Christ's declaration of all authority, making it a dominion activity.

**Lecture support:** Weaver says, 'The Great Commission is an application of the Dominion Mandate.'

### **Pietism and dualism have caused Christians to forfeit dominion**

By viewing matter as evil and withdrawing from society, Christians have handed control to the ungodly.

**Lecture support:** Weaver explains, 'We've been good little pietists and we have withdrawn and just handed over the world and everything in it to the ungodly.'

## **Dominion does not disappear; it transfers**

If the righteous do not exercise dominion, the wicked will; this applies to families, churches, and civil government.

**Lecture support:** Weaver says, 'Dominion does not disappear when someone denounces it, denies it, and disbelieves it. It just simply is transferred to someone else.'

## **Obedience determines whether we are head or tail**

Deuteronomy 28 shows that obedience leads to being the head (dominion), while disobedience leads to being the tail (subjugation).

**Lecture support:** Weaver reads Deuteronomy 28:43-44: 'He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail.'

## **Scripture References**

### **Genesis 1:26-28**

The dominion mandate given to mankind at creation.

### **Colossians 3:10**

Believers are renewed in knowledge after the image of Christ, restoring what Adam lost.

### **Ephesians 4:24**

The new man is created in righteousness and true holiness in Christ.

### **Matthew 28:18**

Christ declares all authority in heaven and earth is given to Him.

### **Ephesians 1:20-23**

Christ is seated far above all principality, power, and dominion.

### **Colossians 1:14-18**

Christ created all thrones, dominions, and powers, and is head of the church.

### **Jude 8**

Filthy dreamers despise dominion and speak evil of dignities.

### **2 Peter 2:10**

Those who walk after the flesh despise government (dominion).

**Isaiah 9:6-7**

The government shall be upon Christ's shoulder; His dominion and peace will increase forever.

**Daniel 6:26**

Darius decrees that in his dominion all should fear the God of Daniel.

**Genesis 27:38-40**

Isaac prophesies that Esau will serve Jacob until he breaks his yoke, indicating a struggle for dominion.

**Genesis 37:5-10**

Joseph's dreams foretell his dominion over his family.

**Judges 14:4**

The Philistines had dominion over Israel at the time of Samson.

**1 Kings 4:24**

Solomon had dominion over all the region west of the Euphrates.

**Numbers 24:15-19**

Balaam prophesies a Star out of Jacob who will have dominion.

**Psalms 72:1-11**

A prophecy of the king's son who will have dominion from sea to sea, ultimately fulfilled in Christ.

**Psalms 145:13**

God's kingdom is everlasting and His dominion endures throughout all generations.

**Zechariah 9:9-10**

The coming King will speak peace to the nations and His dominion will be from sea to sea.

**1 Peter 4:11**

To Jesus Christ be praise and dominion forever.

**Revelation 1:5-6**

Christ has made us kings and priests; to Him be glory and dominion forever.

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## Discussion Questions

1. How does understanding dominion as an attribute of Christ change the way we view His lordship?

**Consider:** Weaver emphasizes that Christ has all authority and dominion.

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2. In what ways might Christians today be guilty of despising dominion, and what are the consequences?

**Consider:** Weaver links despising dominion to denying Christ and societal decay.

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3. How does the Great Commission function as an application of the dominion mandate in our daily lives?

**Consider:** Weaver argues that preaching and teaching are acts of dominion.

4. What are some practical ways Christians can reclaim dominion in areas like education, government, and family?

**Consider:** Weaver critiques pietism and calls for active engagement.

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5. How does the principle of 'head or tail' from Deuteronomy 28 apply to modern nations and churches?

**Consider:** Weaver uses Deuteronomy 28 to show the link between obedience and dominion.

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## Applications

### **Exercise self-dominion through obedience**

Believers must bring their thoughts, emotions, and desires into conformity with God's Word as the most basic form of dominion.

**Lecture support:** Weaver says, 'The most basic and fundamental aspect of dominion? It's learning to control ourselves, our emotions, our thoughts, our desires.'

### **Men should lead their families**

Godly men are called to be the head of their homes, ruling under God, as taught in Genesis 3:16.

**Lecture support:** Weaver states, 'It is natural and normal for a godly man to want to be the head of his house, to lead his wife, and to teach his children, and to exercise dominion in his home.'

### **Engage in society rather than withdraw**

Christians must not retreat into pietism but actively work to bring every sphere of life under Christ's lordship.

**Lecture support:** Weaver warns, 'We've been good little pietists and we have withdrawn and just handed over the world and everything in it to the ungodly.'

### **Proclaim the gospel as an act of dominion**

Preaching and teaching are means of conquering for Christ and bringing people into subjection to Him.

**Lecture support:** Weaver explains, 'What I'm trying to do, and what every real preacher is trying to do, is to conquer for Jesus Christ, to bring people in subjection to Jesus Christ.'

### **Trust in Christ's ultimate victory**

Believers should have confidence that Christ will subdue all enemies and His kingdom will prevail, even when wickedness seems to dominate.

**Lecture support:** Weaver quotes, 'Jesus Christ will still be the great king over all the earth and his kingdom will continue to grow in prominence and power.'

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## Online Lecture Resources

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### **Lesson 1: The Biblical Doctrine of Dominion - Part One**

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