

The Doctrine of the Two Kingdoms

Lesson 2-Lessons from the doctrine of Federal Headship

Romans 5:12-21 & Matthew 11:28

The first thing we need to understand is what our works on earth are _____ doing. To help with this we must look at the doctrine of federal headship.

Federal Headship-In God's design of things all people are related to/tied to a Federal Head-a _____ person whose actions have direct results on all those who would come from him. All of humanity relates to God by their union with the one person who has been placed as their head.

Original Creation and Adam the First

The pinnacle of God's original creation was _____. Mankind alone was created in the "image of God" (Imago Dei). What does it mean to be created in God's image?

"After God had made all other creatures, He created man, male and female, with reasonable and immortal souls, rendering them fit unto that life to God for which they were created; being made after the image of God, in knowledge (Col. 3:10), righteousness, and true holiness (Eph. 4:24) ..." (LBC 4.2)

"Thus Paul indicates that bearing God's image is about who we are and especially about what we do."

What were Adam and Eve supposed to do in knowledge, righteousness, and true holiness? They were to exercise _____ over the earth (Gen. 1:28).

"Exercising dominion was not something tacked on to image-bearing: to exercise dominion is part of the very nature of being the image...He created man in His image and likeness-what could be more like God than exercising dominion in the world?"

"God made Adam to be a wise, holy and righteous king. He was to pick up where God left off. God named many created things (1:5, 8, 10), but He commissioned Adam to name many that He had not named (2:19-20)."

Adam was to work and follow the pattern of God who worked, but Adam was not to work _____. Like God, Adam was to finish his work and enter into rest (this would have happened when Adam was given permission by God to take and eat from the tree of life). Adam's work, while multifaceted, contained one task that was chief of all-he was not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. To enter into the rest of God he had to perform this one task in perfect obedience.

Adam failed in this one task. He did not obey the command to exercise dominion over all things and he failed to _____ the word of the Lord.

"Within five short verses the serpent deceived Eve and persuaded her to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (without ever directly telling her to do so), and she in turn gives the fruit to Adam, who eats too."

The curse of God on Adam and Eve should be seen as directly tied to the command given by God in Genesis 1:28. God told Adam and Eve to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and now because of sin this task will be filled with much pain. Adam was called to work and then enter into an eternal life of rest with God but now he would have to work hard and with great toil and then after all this work would _____ and return to the dust from whence he came.

All humanity is born under Adam the first in this state of cursedness. We are born sinners (just like Adam was after the Fall). Our works and our cultural achievements _____ usher us into the eternal rest of God (the new creation).

“Human depravity, furthermore, is holistic, deep-rooted, and relentless. Sinful human beings continue to engage in cultural enterprises and to accomplish many humanly worthwhile things. But whatever value other people may ascribe to such works from an earthly perspective, none of them can earn God’s final approval...The result of Adam’s sin was the sentence of death, which meant falling short of his original destiny: royal rest.”

New Creation and Adam the Second

In Genesis 3:15 (the protoevangelium), God lays out the original gospel _____ which could be summarized this way, *“A Son of Adam will do what Adam should have done in the first place.”*

Adam should have crushed the serpent right there in the garden and cast him out of God’s place but instead he submitted to the serpent. Therefore, a new Adam was needed who would succeed by crushing and expelling the serpent from God’s place. The rest of the Bible from Genesis 3 (the promise) all the way to Revelation 20 (when Satan is finally and forever cast away from the presence of the Lord’s people) is the story of Christ and His _____-in the OT His victory was seen as future, in the NT His victory is seen in an already/not yet fulfillment, and at His second coming His victory will be total and final.

Jesus Christ, the second Adam, did what the first Adam failed to do and has ascended into _____ (which is why Christ is mentioned as seated-Hebrews 12:2).

“Before the second Adam no one accomplished the task of the first Adam, and after the second Adam no one needs to accomplish it. The last Adam has completed it once for all. Christians will attain the original destiny of life in the world-to-come, but we do so not by picking up the task where Adam left off but by resting entirely on the work of Jesus Christ, the last Adam who accomplished the task perfectly.”

Therefore, for a person to be a Christian (a saint) they must not be a child of Adam the first, but they must be born again as a child of Adam the second. Adam and Jesus are the two federal heads that all humanity is categorized under-everyone is either under Adam the first and the _____ or Adam the second and the _____.

Jesus Christ has accomplished all that was needed for our entrance into the eternal rest. We do not need to work, like Adam, to enter it. Christ is the _____ to eternal rest.

If Christ is the last Adam, then we are not new Adams. To understand our own cultural work as picking up and finishing Adam’s original task is, however unwittingly, to compromise the sufficiency of Christ’s work...Through Christ’s work God not only forgives the sins of believers but also reckons them as those who have perfectly completed the first Adam’s task.”

In Christ, God sees us as _____ (having done the necessary work to attain the promised reward of entering into eternal life and rest with God). Therefore, we must never see our works and cultural activity as achieving for us the new creation and the promise of rest with God.

In Christ, the believer _____, in a spiritual way, is identified with the world to come and the promised rest.

“Because of the obedience of the last Adam, a human being has already attained the life of the world-to-come, and believers, untied to Christ, already participate in its life and share in its rights and privileges, without any need to earn them by their own obedience. They live in this world not in order to gain the world-to-come, for they have gained the world-to-come by a free gift of grace and are now called to live godly lives as a consequence.”