

**General Topics :: Left Behind or Dominion theology?****Left Behind or Dominion theology? - posted by sonofadam777 (), on: 2006/8/21 12:38**

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How are we as Christians are we supposed to "take Dominion" as stated in Genesis or are we supposed to just "preach the gospel while waiting until Jesus returns?"

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Thanks. Doug

Re: Left Behind or Dominion theology? - posted by MR_CPK (), on: 2006/8/21 13:20

I use to be a part of the dominion/covenant/word of faith theology(Even started school at Rhema Bible Training Center) but the Lord led me away(now at a Calvary Chapel) I think they(dominon folks) are very good with scripture and justifyin g the theology and I believe there is a lot of truth to it..but at the same time over the years the Lord revealed to me His h eart wasn't in me taking "dominion" over the earth but in preaching Christ and Him crucified. I believe in dominion but the re is one thing I know I can do down here on earth that I can't do in heaven and that is preach the way of salvation to a l ost person and I know that's what the Lord is most concerned with. The devil is always trying to get the church off on a r abbit trail and this is just another.

Re: Left Behind or Dominion theology? - posted by todd, on: 2006/8/21 14:29

I was brought up in Calvary Chapel when I first got right with God about 5 years ago, and then only in the last couple years or so have I even been exposed to, and started to consider, this idea of dominion.

There's likely truths in both camps. At present I am starting to lean more towards dominion. I think I basically see that as praying and going after God's Kingdom coming and His will being done on earth as in Heaven. Isn't this what Jesus told His disciples to go after?

Seeking first the Kingdom. Establishing the Kingdom, on earth as in Heaven. I've heard that the word "kingdom" basically means "King's domain." So it's where the King dominates or has *dominion*. And as His ambassadors we have the priviledge of going about establishing the King's dominion throughout the earth, making it "as in Heaven."

It seems that seeking this can have a great variety of manifestations. For one person I suppose it might mean making lo ts of money, and for another it might mean preaching the gospel. For some, couldn't it mean both? They make lots of m oney *and* preach the gospel?

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Re: - posted by Santana (), on: 2006/8/21 15:29

Can you please define dominion for me?

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2006/8/21 17:05

I'm not sure what individual theologies of dominion might be manifesting in the various congregations represented here, so I cannot comment on if their theological system concerning it is biblical or not.

Daniel 2 prophesies of a kingdom made without hands (a spiritual kingdom) that would be setup here on earth. This kingdom was inaugurated with the coming of Christ, who taught from the onset of His ministry "repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." This kingdom is the sphere in which Christ has authority and exercises His power. Through means of the new birth, the sphere of Christ's reign is extended here on earth, where Christ rules and reigns through our individual lives. This rule is extended one person at a time through the preaching and believing of the gospel. Whoever establishes Christ as Lord of their life, this is where the kingdom of God has dominion.

I regret to say I must leave this post sooner than anticipated, but am content with what I have posted here. For further study, there is a great book out there called "The Gospel of the Kingdom" by George Ladd. It is a short bible study on the nature of God's kingdom, and have found it to be as the British would say, "spot on" in regard to most of what the author has to say regarding God's dominion.

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2006/8/22 6:18

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Re: Left Behind or Dominion theology? - posted by CJaKfOrEsT (), on: 2006/8/22 8:37

Quote:

sonofadam777 wrote:

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I think that you have raised two separate issues here. Firstly, I'll address the second (yeah, I'm confused by this too). Many try to argue whether we should be rich or poor. To this I say, "No". It's not whether the Christian is **in the money** or not, but whether the money is **in the Christian**. Rich or poor, it doesn't matter, as long as it is to the glory of God.

Secondly, Dominion Theology. I think it was Ron Bailey who raised an interesting point, how can we manifest the Kingdom of God in the Earth, when God's Kingdom can only be seen by those who are born again (from above - John 3:3)? Let God rule in your life, and God will rule your circumstances. Other than that, stay tuned for the "times and seasons" (that are) under the authority of the Father. That's when Christ's Kingdom shall be manifest on the Earth. In the meantime, "be sober and vigilant, for your adversary, the devil walketh about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he can devour."

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Re:, on: 2006/8/22 9:11

Dominion Theology sounds to me to be a lot like "Manifest Sons of God" theology which is preached by many WOF'ers, Rick Joyner, etc. I used to attend a church that was a part of MorningStar (Rick Joyner) and they taught that there would be no Rapture (pre, post or otherwise) but that the Church would get stronger and stronger until eventually we would set up the Kingdom of God on earth, at which time we would welcome Christ in His coming as King to reign on earth.

Thank God He delivered me from that garbage. All one needs to do is read the Bible and most false teachings like that fall to the way side.

If Dominion Theology is saying the same things... reject it. In Genesis we are given dominion over the earth as caretaker s. But a caretaker is not an OWNER. It belongs to God.

Krispy

Re: - posted by Onesimus4God (), on: 2006/8/22 11:11

The kingdom of God is righteousness, heart peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost (Rom 14:17)

Jesus said that not everyone who cries "Lord, Lord" will enter in, but those who DO the will of the Father.

Is this important? It is to me. So what is the will of the Father for my life. Well, it is personal and unique, like my relationship with Him. However, I do believe that the will of God for us all is within the two scripture texts. The first is Isaiah 58, the whole chapter, and the other is Matthew 25:31-46.

In the text in Matthew, Jesus says that He will use this criteria to divide the nations as a Shepherd would divide the sheep from the goats. Please note carefully that none of the above posted theology is mentioned. In fact, little of what most people call church is mentioned. Should we not be concerned about what is important to God?

Immersed in His grace,

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Re: - posted by GaryE (), on: 2006/8/22 11:37

Do a search on {Dominion Theology}. Check out what Wickopedia says.

Re: - posted by FireinmyBones1 (), on: 2006/8/22 12:50

I am personally still awaiting the return of the Lord Jesus in a pre-tribulation rapture. I have many dear, godly friends, however, who hold to a post tribulation view. This could be seen as dominion theology. Although I disagree, doctrinally, I have seen a wonderful trait that these dear brothers and sisters carry that we may adopt. Instead of hiding out, expecting nothing but deception and darkness, they are still passionately praying for and expecting revival and great harvest. Many Pre-Trib rapture proponents look at the end of the age as being only a time of great deception and heresy. While Jesus told us plainly these things will run rampant, are we to forget the glorious promise of Joel 2:28-? That in the last days God would pour out His Spirit followed by miraculous signs, prophetic utterances, and mass harvest? Yes that prophecy BEGAN to be fulfilled on Pentecost - and yes the early church saw THEMSELVES as that generation. They also saw themselves as being in the foretold time of deception. They were able to live in light of both! There would be both great darkness, and Great light! In the last days, both the darkness and the light will be at full strength!

One character trait of "Dominionists" that I like - it is their lack of pessimism and hopelessness concerning the future. They are truly expecting revival and transformation. They like Gideon have gotten out of the winepress of survival and have taken on the identity, of a "mighty warrior".

So although I disagree with the theology, I do find redeemable traits!

Praise God!

Jeff

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Re: - posted by todd, on: 2006/8/24 13:58

Quote:

"I don't think it does. I think basically it means 'God's Rule'. Domain gives the inevitable flavour of territory whereas 'rule' concentrates on the 'Ruler'."

Is "territory" a bad flavour?

Also, I'm just speaking in terms of the word "kingdom" itself. Not necessarily the implications biblically (although clearly that's relevant here), but just the word itself.

king-dom (**king's domain**)

Isn't this correct? Isn't the "dom" part of the word connected to "domain/dominate/dominion"? Same root?

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2006/8/24 14:41

todd on 2006/8/24 18:58:17

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Vine's Expository Dictionary has basileia is primarily an abstract noun, denoting "sovereignty, royal power, dominion," e.g., Rev_17:18, translated "(which) reigneth," lit., "hath a kingdom" (RV marg.); then, by metonymy, a concrete noun, denoting the territory or people over whom a king rules, e.g., Matt_4:8; Mark_3:24. It is used especially of the "kingdom" of God and of Christ...The issue here is that our word 'king-dom' has been used to translate basileia and a better word might have been 'kingly-rule'. This is one of the reasons we dare not get our theology from the Dictionary. ;-)

Behind my pedantry ;-) was the thought 'does the New Testament show the slightest interest in location, territory, earthly dominion?'

Re: - posted by todd, on: 2006/8/24 16:59

Point taken Ron, concerning the english word "kingdom."

To answer your thought, the first thing that came to mind was Jesus' teaching/instruction to pray for "on earth as in Heaven." Second thought- what an Apostle is and their function. More thoughts coming as I process, but I'll leave it at that for now.