

Session 1—God’s Backup Plan

I. God Established Human **Rule** (Gen. 1:26–28)

A. **Fill** the earth

God commanded Adam and Eve to start a **family** so there would be more people to rule over creation and **glorify** His name.

B. **Subdue** the earth

The word “subdue” means **pressing** upon something with **force** so that it is brought under the control. Man had to take charge of creation.

C. **Exercise** dominion

“Dominion” describes man’s established position of rule over **creation**.

We can’t subdue the earth and exercise dominion over it as **Adam** did before the **Fall**. God will one day restore human rule over the earth.

II. God **Honored** Humanity (Ps. 8)

A. He crowned them with **glory** (8:1–4)

God crowned Adam and Eve with glory and honor, meaning **dignity**, **worth**, value, and **respect**.

B. He gave them **privileges** (8:5–8)

God put the earth, its resources, and its creatures under Adam and Eve’s **rule**.

III. God Promised Humanity’s **Redemption** (Gen. 3:15)

A. He promised a **Savior**

Jesus represented humanity and offered to be our **redeemer** and **restore** the rightful place of humanity as the rulers on earth.

B. He promised **victory**

Jesus **crushed Satan** by dying on the cross and then rising again.