

## 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.