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## SUNDAY SERMON

### THE MYSTERIES OF FRUITFULNESS AND MULTIPLICATION

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Introduction: To be fruitful requires power while multiplication is the advancement of fruitfulness. Fruitfulness is not only biological, there is an "all round fruitfulness".

In Hebrews 6:9-10, scriptures says,

(9)"But, beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes, things that accompany salvation, though we speak in this manner.

[10]For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister."

Evil spirits were on the surface of the earth before God commanded light and made other living things:

1. Because God hates darkness, He had to create living but clean things to occupy the space previously inhabited by evil spirits.

2. For the darkness to stop finally, God commanded the birds, fishes and animals to be fruitful and multiply on the air, waters and land respectively.

All the three world were filled by these creatures.

Gen.1:27-28- So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

3. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

God created man in His image.

Why? It is for man to have physical power and spiritual capacity for dominance over forces of darkness to control them.

The first humans Adam and Eve began to live on the earth. But the more they were increasing they were taking lands, dominating kingdoms previously enjoyed by Satan and his fallen angles.

If there's nobody or spirits in charge before, there's no need to take over or dominate. You don't dominate what is not contested for.

You only dominate what you contend for and taken over to prevent intruders.

There is no vacuum anywhere (spiritual or physical).

Something, someone or some people occupy it previously. That is why God told the Israelites to fight the Canaanites, Jebusite, Perisite and take over their lands.

Be fruitful (Hebrew-Parah) meaning bear fruit, power of procreation.

Psalm 128:3 NKJ- Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table.

Bearing fruits requires power. A pregnant woman does not sleep while giving birth. Power, strength and energy is required.

Multiplication (Hebrew-Rabah) to increase. When you bear fruit with power you must increase after giving birth. A family rejoices when a baby is added to the family - increasing multiplication.



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To occupy (Hebrew- Mala) to replenish.

To replenish is to be sociable, to refill, to supply again or to add a fresh quantity, to complete, to supply fully.

If there's nobody in charge before, there's no need to take over, neither necessity to dominate.

To be fruitful and multiply arose as a result of forces in action to hinder growth.

Growth is a sign of advancement.

The earth was made perfect by the creation of man on it. God cannot afford to waste the earth to the devil, so He gave all the command to man to be fruitful and multiply.

Both animals, fishes and birds were important to God. He commanded them to occupy the vast land, seas, air. For them to have multiplication, they have to keep producing in large numbers.

God hates barrenness for animals, plants, birds and man.

Exodus 23:26

[26]No one shall suffer miscarriage or be barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days.

The mystery in verse 22 and verse 28 of Genesis chapter 1 is what make the rate at which living creatures of God including plants filled the earth so high.

The land was so fertile that from a single seed, two or more plants can grow. The rate of maturity of crops and the long years of productivity was high.

It is when man sinned that God cursed the ground because of man.

When man multiplies then he is qualified to replenish the earth.

Exodus 23:26

[26]No one shall suffer miscarriage or be barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days.

To replenish means to refills, supply and add a fresh quantity to the earth. It was only man that God gave power to refill and add freshness to life. We are to add value to what we have.

This explains why God added inventions, science to make life meaningful and sweet. The multiplication power is in man so as to replenish the earth.

God also added that we subdue the earth. Subduing means to use the resources in the service of God and man for total takeover.

God is happy with man whenever we obey His word to take over His heritage. We are joint heirs with Jesus Christ (Rom.8:17). An heir takes over what he/she inherits.

God blessed us to be able to advance His kingdom on earth. The physical possession of land, water and space is the primary intention of God for man. He did not want His children to suffer but to be in the highest capacity of governance on earth as He is in Heaven.

As children of God, we are expected to govern the spiritual world previously dominated by Satan and his agents. Through the name of Jesus Christ, we govern the spiritual world.



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God's blessing is all encompassing.

Blessing is greater than curse. Blessing from God open doors to prosperity and favour.

The blessing from God to man makes man to dominate over all that God had created. The blessing is upon man. Man was carrying the blessing around.

You don't need to feel something covering your head but it is the spoken word from God to man. God gave all these power to man.

God puts His honour upon us. All animals and fishes tremble whenever they see us. No matter how big, they will first run whenever they see man. That is the blessing in real life.

Consider

Psalms 18:43-45

[43]You have delivered me from the strivings of the people; You have made me the head of the nations; A people I have not known shall serve me.

[44]As soon as they hear of me they obey me; The foreigners submit to me.

[45]The foreigners fade away, And come frightened from their hideouts.

Spiritually too, when you speak the word of God, demons disappear. Satan loses his grips. Every evil spirit manifesting shall fade away from you when you speak. They will run out of their close places. They are your inheritance. You don't ask for it, you activate it by believing in the perfected work of Christ for you.

Do not be afraid to dominate. Don't be intimidated by <sup>6</sup> devil's gimmicks. They are all lies intended to distract you. Believe the word. Apply the word and you will get results through the word.