

HARVEST ROCK CHURCH

JESUS CAME TO SEEK AND TO SAVE *THAT WHICH WAS LOST* THE 7M EKKLESIA SERIES

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TEXTS: Luke 19:1 He entered Jericho and was passing through. 2 And there was a man called by the name of Zaccheus; he was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. 3 Zaccheus was trying to see who Jesus was, and was unable because of the crowd, for he was small in stature. 4 So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree in order to see Him, for He was about to pass through that way. 5 When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, “Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house.” 6 And he hurried and came down and received Him gladly. 7 When they saw it, they all *began* to grumble, saying, “He has gone to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” 8 Zaccheus stopped and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much.” 9 And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

Genesis 1:28 God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

INTRO: We have begun a series on transforming nations through 7M Ekklesias. I began with the teaching that Jesus gives in Matthew 9:17 on new wine being poured into a new wineskin.

1. The first paradigm shift is that God wants us to literally disciple nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Teaching them to obey everything He has commanded us. He did not say “make disciples in nations” but “*of* nations.” The Great Commission found in Matthew 28:18-20 encompasses our corporate mandate to disciple nations. See Psalm 2:8.
2. The second paradigm shift has to do with His Ekklesia, or Church, consisting of two or more gathered in His name. The Church is the legislative body for the Kingdom of Heaven. It is not a building but people, the called-out ones.



3. This morning I want to take another look at the cross and how God came to redeem that which was lost in the garden. When Jesus died, He cried out, “It is finished!” But what exactly was finished?
4. What was lost in the garden? 1) Souls, an intimate spiritual relationship with God was lost. 2) The family was lost. The first murder takes place between Adam and Eve’s son Cain who murders his brother Abel. 3) Our authority over Satan and evil was lost. 4) Our authority to co-rule with God over the earth was lost. 5) Heaven on earth was lost.

I. SOULS: THE RESTORATION OF INTIMACY WITH THE GODHEAD

A. Zacharias. God wants to save souls.

1. I heard a remarkable testimony from one of our church members in our OC campus. He was adopted by two lesbian mothers. He grew up without a father, and the world and the devil became his father. He gets radically saved, and now he is an evangelist with a grace to go after the LGBTQ people group.

II. THE FAMILY WAS LOST

A. Adam and Eve were now naked, and they were ashamed. The oneness that they had was gone.

1. The first murder takes place among the first two brothers.
2. **Genesis 4:8 And it came about when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.**

B. IN THE STORY OF ZACCHEUS, SALVATION HAS COME NOT JUST TO HIM BUT TO HIS HOUSE, HIS FAMILY.

1. **Luke 19:10 And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham.”**
2. God’s covenant with Abraham is that all the families of the earth will be blessed through him (Genesis 12:3).
3. Salvation has come to his *oikos*. The New Testament speaks of household evangelism.
4. **Acts 16:31 And they said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”**
5. **Exodus 20:5 “You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who**

hate Me, 6 but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.”

III. AUTHORITY OVER SATAN WAS LOST

A. Genesis 1:28 God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it...”

- 1. Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.”**
- 2. Colossians 2:15 When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.**
- 3. 1 John 3:8 The one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.**

B. Satan has two strikes against him.

- 1. He was cast out of heaven with one third of the angels.**
— Revelation 12:7 “And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war, 8 and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.”
 - 2. Jesus disarmed the rulers and authorities on the cross.**
— Revelation 12:10 “Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, ‘Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night.’”
 - 3. Now God expects us to destroy the works of the enemy with the authority that was lost in the garden but is now restored through the death and resurrection of our Lord. — Revelation 12:11 “And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.”**
- C. Matthew 16:19 “I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.”**

IV. AUTHORITY TO CO-RULE WITH GOD WAS LOST

A. Genesis 1:28 God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and *rule* over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

1. Psalm 8:1 O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. 2 Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

2. Psalm 8:3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon, and the stars, which you have set in place, 4 what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

3. Psalm 8:5 Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. 7 You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, 7 all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, 8 the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

B. Ephesians 1:18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might 20 that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22 And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

V. PARADISE (HEAVEN ON EARTH) WAS LOST

A. THE GARDEN REPRESENTS HEAVEN ON EARTH

1. Society was cursed with injustice and corruption. Zaccheus was a corrupt, greedy man. The love of money is the root to all evil.

2. Stronghold of mammon. Power, money, and sex are the three deadly sins. The unholy trinity.

3. Psalm 89:14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Lovingkindness and truth go before You.



- B. Jesus will come and create a new heaven on earth, but until then, He expects us to bring heaven's throne of justice, righteousness, truth, and love to earth as it is in heaven.
- C. All of creation groans until the manifestations of the sons of God.
 - 1. **Romans 8:19 For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God.**

CONCLUSION: God has done everything to save the world. Now He expects us to take back what was lost in the garden. I want to commission all of you to destroy the works of the devil and bring justice and righteousness to earth as it is in heaven.