



Ownership Vs stewardship/Rulership

There are two fundamental things I have learned about sovereignty of God and how to explain it that I would like to share with you.

Most people have no concept of a difference between an owner and a steward. They blame the owner many times when it is the ruler or steward that is running things into the ground.

a) God is the owner or has ownership

Ownership doesn't necessarily mean control. You can own something yet delegate control and rulership to someone else. Many people mistake ownership for control, rulership, and stewardship. God chose to delegate the rulership, stewardship, and dominion of the earth to man.

- i) 1 Corinthians 10:26 "For the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof."
- ii) Psalms 24:1 "The earth is the LORD's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein."
- iii) Psalms 50:12 "If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fullness thereof."
- iv) Psalms 89:11 'The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: as for the world and the fullness thereof, thou hast founded them.

b) Man is the steward/ Rulership

Although God has the ownership, He delegated stewardship, dominion and rulership to man. Because of this, many things happen because of the one in stewardship and rulership, but not because of the owner (God). Man has been given dominion, stewardship, and rulership. Simply put, God allows what we allow.

This is how God works together with man here on earth— through dominion and stewardship.

Man has the lease of the earth until the return of the Lord.

- i) Genesis 1:26-28 “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 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.”
- ii) Psalm 8:6 “Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:”
- iii) Psalms 115:16 “The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.”

If we can understand this simple truth, we will quit blaming God for our problems and bad things that happen here on earth. We will quit saying God is in control and is sovereign.