

It is God's intent that man make the enemy and the revengeful cease.

Is man worthy to rule? Absolutely not! But since God's purpose is for man to rule, man must rule.

Now consider Hebrews 2:5-8

⁵ For He did not subject to angels the world to come, concerning which we are speaking. ⁶ But one has testified somewhere, saying, "WHAT IS MAN, THAT YOU REMEMBER HIM? OR THE SON OF MAN, THAT YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT HIM?" ⁷ "YOU HAVE MADE HIM FOR A LITTLE WHILE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS; YOU HAVE CROWNED HIM WITH GLORY AND HONOR, AND HAVE APPOINTED HIM OVER THE WORKS OF YOUR HANDS;" ⁸ YOU HAVE PUT ALL THINGS IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET."

For in subjecting all things to him, He left nothing that is not subject to him. But now we do not yet see all things subjected to him. (NASB)

All things; God purposed it from the beginning.

God purposed it from the beginning that man would rule over Satan. He wanted man to destroy all of Satan's power. But man fell and did not 'obey' his place to rule. Therefore, Jesus (as man) came to do this task. (1 Cor. 15 the first Adam and the last Adam)

In the beginning God assigned man to rule and overthrow Satan. "the Lord Jesus is that man, and that man is now enthroned! Hallelujah!"
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What God ordained at creation He continued after man's fall. In redemption His purpose remains the same. God did not change His purpose because of man's fall.

Finally Consider Hebrews 10:5-10

It is God's ordained plan to use mankind to rule the earth and everything that creeps upon it. God-Man Jesus did this and is calling to Himself a group of people who will rule the earth... the church; The Glorious Church.

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⁸ In the same region there were *some* shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; ¹¹ for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² "This *will be* a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger ." ¹³ And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest,

And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."

¹⁵ When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds *began* saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger . ¹⁷ When they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them. Luke 2:8-20 (NASB)

Why does Jesus need to be born? Why do we need a Savior?

God commissioned mankind to rule, because and since the fall mankind has not been able to rule, namely because or sin we don't want to rule the earth.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every

creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷ God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 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." Gen 1:26-28 (NASB)

In verse 26 the pronoun "our" is plural – in verse 27 the pronoun "his" is singular.

Why doesn't verse 27 read "God created man in [their] own image..."? It seems the singular language here is to single out the one personage of the triune, namely Jesus. Man is created in the image of Jesus, "his image"

Compare to Romans 8:29

²⁹ For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; Romans 8:29 (NASB)

NEXT: note from Genesis and Luke that man is created to "rule" the earth.

Gen. 1: "creeping thing" and Luke 10: "tread on serpents and scorpions."

Gen 1:26: ²⁶ Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them [**rule**] over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Gen. 1:28: 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."

Luke 10:19: ¹⁷ The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." ¹⁸ And He said to them, "**I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning.** ¹⁹ **"Behold, I have given you [**authority**] to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you.**"

Argument:

So... it can be argued that man's greatest task given to him by God is to rule the earth. The ministry of reconciliation is commissioned to man (Read Romans) but even if all of humanity is won to Christ mankind still has a task... namely... to rule the earth. This is to the pleasure of God that man do this.

This may be Paul's largest argument from Romans 6, 7 and 8. This requires our practice, and the price is extremely great. If we are to rule the earth... and "every creeping things" upon it, we must obey the Lord completely and absolutely! When dealing with Satan we cannot leave any room for "self". We must be completely and utterly abandoned of self. Satan is not moved by us if we are preserving self. (Acts 19:15; the seven sons of Sceva). A double minded person can't rule Satan (James.)

God's want of man to rule for Him on this earth is not because God couldn't do it. It was granted to man to do for the pleasure of God.

Consider Psalm 8:

¹ O LORD, our Lord,
How majestic is Your name in all the earth,
Who have displayed Your splendor above the heavens! ² From the mouth of infants and nursing babes You have established strength
Because of Your adversaries,
To make the enemy and the revengeful cease.