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**. . . the mount of testing, the victory of faith,
where Jehovah-jireh supplies every need.**

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Chapter One

MAN'S ROLE ON THE EARTH

INTRODUCTION

Few Christians understand the magnitude of God's decision to make Himself dependent on man. The implications of this decision must be understood if we are ever to take prayer seriously enough. The plans and purpose of Jesus Christ on the earth are greatly hindered by wrong notions of the sovereignty of God.

GOD THROUGH ADAM

A. From the beginning, God ordained that the affairs of earth be governed and carried out through man; man was made to rule the earth for God. He was to be the glory of God, reflecting and revealing Him on earth.

1. Genesis 1:26-28

2. Psalm 8:3-8

3. Psalm 115:16

Moffat - "... the earth He has assigned to men."

4. I Corinthians 11:7

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B. So complete and final was man's authority over the earth that he had the right to give it away.

1. Satan obtained it through MAN

a. Luke 4:6

b. John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11

c. II Corinthians 4:4

2. In order to get it back, God had to do it through MAN . . . thus the incarnation
 - a. I Corinthians 15:21, 22
 - b. II Timothy 2:5

CONCLUSION

Man was forever to be the link to the authority over the earth! This is the reason for the necessity of prayer

EXAMPLES:

2. Elijah
3. Daniel
4. Ezekiel 22:30, 31
5. Matthew 6:10
6. Matthew 16:18, 19
7. Romans 8:28

Review Questions

1. How complete was Adam's (mankind's) dominion on earth?
2. Explain how this relates to prayer. Give an example from scripture.
3. Romans 8:28 - a tremendous truth or a destructive deception. What determines which of these is valid?
4. Jesus had to be a man. True or false? Why?

Chapter Two

INTERCESSION

INTRODUCTION

After the Fall, man finds himself with a new need. Man, who was made to represent God on the earth is now in need of someone to represent him to God. He through whom God intended to mediate His will on planet earth now needs someone to mediate for him. In this chapter, we will look closely at this new need using it, as well as some formal definitions to define intercession, not intercessory prayer, but intercession.

I. FORMAL DEFINITIONS

- A. Intercede - (Latin **intercedo**: 'inter' = between, and 'cedo' = to go; literally, *to pass between*)
- *to act between parties with a view to reconcile those who differ or contend; to plead in favor of another; to interpose, to mediate or make intercession*

Intercession - *the act of interceding; mediation* (Webster)

- B. Mediate - *being between two extremes; to interpose between parties as the equal friend of each; to negotiate between persons at variance with a view to reconciliation; to mediate a peace*

Mediation - *entreaty for another; intercession* (Webster)

- C. Advocate - *called to one's side to aid*
It was used in a court of justice to denote a legal assistant, counsel for the defense, an advocate; then, generally, one who pleads another's cause, an intercessor. (W.E. Vine)