4. Consummation: The Return of the King

Isaiah 11:6-9:
The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.
They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain;
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

How does this apply to missions?

1. Let the story of the Bible shape the story of your life.

2. Rest in the fact that God's mission will not fail.

3. Recognize the centrality of the local church in God's mission.

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Core Seminars – Christian Growth

Missions: The Glory of God and the Goal of Creation: A Biblical Theology of Missions

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How does "missions" fit with God's passion for his glory?

Numbers 14:21: "But truly, as I live, and as all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord." (cf. Hab. 2:14).

The mission of God is to fill the earth with his glory.

"The creation of the world seems to have been especially for this end, that the eternal Son of God might obtain a spouse toward whom he might fully exercise the infinite benevolence of his nature, and to whom he might, as it were, open and pour forth all that immense fountain of condescension, love, and grace that was in his heart, and that in this way God might be glorified." - Jonathan Edwards

1. Creation: The King Establishes His Kingdom

"Forming and filling"

"And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." (Gen. 1:28)

2. Fall: Rebellion in the Kingdom

Genesis 6:5: "the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

3. Redemption: The King Pursues His People

a) Redemption Initiated

Genesis 3:15: "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head and you shall bruise his heel"

Genesis 12:2-3: I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing… and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

> *God is creating a people, through whom he will send the promise seed (Gen. 3:15), in order to bless the nations (Gen. 12:1-3), so that the earth will be filled with his glory (Num. 14:21).*

2 Sam. 7:12-16: "... I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom… I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever… Your throne shall be established forever."

Psalm 45:17: "I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore nations will praise you forever and ever."

b) Redemption Accomplished

c) Redemption Proclaimed

Matthew 28:18-20: "And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’”

Acts 6:7: “The word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem.”

Acts 12:24: “But the word of God increased and multiplied.”