

TRUTH B-P CHURCH
Adult Sunday School

BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP

LESSON THREE: GOD IS OWNER

I. INTRODUCTION

One of the foundational truths in Scripture is that God is the Owner of all things. Everything we see before us, everything we possess in our hands, everything we are, all belong ultimately to Him.

The doctrine of stewardship has to begin from here. If we misunderstand this doctrine, we will mismanage everything else which God has entrusted us, whether we realize it or not. However, if we rightly understand that God is the rightful Owner, then our lives will be marked by humility, responsibility, and faithful service unto Him.

We live in a world that constantly tells us, “What we have is ours. We earned it. We deserve it.” It may seem ours, yet the Bible tells us plainly, “The earth is the Lord’s, and the fullness thereof” (Psalm 24:1). The truth is therefore: What we have is God’s. We do not earn it. We do not deserve it. It is God who entrusted whatever is in our hand to us.

This lesson will cover what it means that God is Owner, how this truth shapes our identity as stewards, and how it transforms every area of our life.

II. GOD IS CREATOR

The first reason God is Owner is simple: He created everything. Genesis 1:1 declares, “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.” This opening verse establishes divine ownership. Creation implies possession. The One who brings something into existence has authority over it. Psalm 50:10–12 reinforces this truth: “For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills... the world is mine, and the fullness thereof.”

God does not merely claim ownership over part of creation—He claims all of it.

A. Owning the Universe

Every galaxy, every star, every atom exists because God willed it into existence. Nothing is independent of Him. The vastness of creation reminds us that God’s ownership is not symbolic—it is absolute.

B. Owning the Earth

The land, oceans, resources, and ecosystems all belong to God. Humanity does not own the earth; we are entrusted with it.

C. Owning Humanity

We ourselves belong to God. Isaiah 64:8 says, “... we are the clay, and thou our potter ...” We are formed by Him, sustained by Him, and accountable to Him. To deny God’s ownership is to deny His role as Creator. Stewardship begins with our personal acknowledgement: “I am not my own. It is God who owns me and all that I am and have.”

III. GOD IS SUSTAINER

God not only created all things—He sustains all things. Colossians 1:17 says, “And he is before all things, and by Him all things consist.” This means that creation continues to exist because God actively upholds it. Acts 17:28 declares, “For in Him we live, and move, and have our being ...”

A. Sustaining Life

Every breath we take is a gift from God. We do not sustain ourselves. Our strength, health, and ability come from Him.

B. Sustaining Resources

The food we eat, the water we drink, the materials we use are continually provided by God. Even the resources we seem to lack is deciding by God who in His infinite wisdom decides for us not to have them.

C. Sustaining Circumstances

The opportunities we have in and through education, work, relationships are under God’s providential care. This truth humbles us. We are not self-made individuals. We are God-sustained stewards.

IV. GOD IS REDEEMER

If creation establishes ownership, redemption reaffirms and deepens it. 1 Corinthians 6:19–20 declares: “Ye are not your own... For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.” Through Christ, believers are both created by God and redeemed by Him.

A. The Price Paid

The price of redemption was not silver or gold—it was the blood of Christ. This elevates our understanding of ownership. We belong to God not only by right of creation but by sacrificial purchase.

B. Total Ownership

God’s ownership includes our bodies, souls, time, and future. Nothing is excluded.

C. Purpose of Ownership

We are redeemed to glorify God. Stewardship is not optional—it is the purpose of our redemption.

V. SUMMARY

The truth that God is Owner is not just a doctrine—it is a life-changing reality. It redefines who we are (stewards), what we have (entrusted resources) and why we live (to glorify God). Let us remember that we are brought nothing into this world and will certainly take nothing out. Everything in between is stewardship. Let us live with open hands, willing hearts, and faithful lives. May we daily declare: “Lord, everything I have is Thine. Teach me to manage it for Thy glory.” And when our time is up and done, may we hear those blessed words from our Saviour when we meet Him face to face: “Well done, thou good and faithful servant.” Amen.