

Stephens, GregSpeak the Word

6. A Magnificent Arrangement

This chapter argues that when God gave mankind dominion over the earth (Genesis 1), He permanently limited Himself, because He cannot break His WORD. God did this to have sons and daughters He could fellowship with as equals. The chapter then traces how Adam handed that authority to Satan in the Fall, and how God's plan to reclaim it through a 'Second Adam' (Jesus) shows that this is a word-controlled world.

Key takeaways

- God gave mankind dominion without conditions, and because He cannot lie, He could not take it back — He limited Himself on purpose.
- God's goal was fellowship (Greek *koinonia* — partnership and communion), not servants. He saved us for relationship, not just to stop us sinning.
- Only mankind was made in God's own class — not animals or angels — which is why God can pour His love into us and why Satan hates us.
- Adam stood right there while Eve was deceived; he was not fooled (1 Timothy 2:14) but ate anyway, committing knowing treason and handing his authority to the devil.

- The Fall was a reverse new birth: Adam went from life to death, and the devil became 'the god of this world.'
- God's rescue was the 'Second Adam,' Jesus — created by God's spoken word through the prophets and finally through Mary's agreement.
- This is a word-created, word-controlled planet: keep believing and speaking God's WORD until it comes to pass, because life and death are in the tongue.

Passages worth keeping

“When He spoke those words, God limited Himself.”

The chapter's core claim — God's gift of dominion was irrevocable because His WORD stands forever.

“Faith-filled words dominate the laws of sin and death!”

Sums up the chapter's practical point: what you keep saying shapes your life.

How it connects

The chapter ties Genesis 3 directly to the believer's daily life: just as Adam lost everything by speaking and acting on the devil's word instead of God's, Christians forfeit healing, provision, and victory the same way — and reclaim them by holding fast to the confession of faith.

Scripture referenced

- **Genesis 1:27-28** -- God gives mankind unqualified dominion over the earth.
- **Hebrews 6:18** -- It is impossible for God to lie — so His gift could not be revoked.
- **Genesis 3:1-6** -- The serpent deceives Eve while Adam stands by; both eat.
- **Luke 4:6-8** -- Satan offers Jesus the kingdoms — proof he held the authority Adam surrendered.
- **1 Corinthians 15:47-48** -- Jesus as the 'Second Adam' who reclaims dominion.
- **Proverbs 18:21** -- Death and life are in the power of the tongue — words carry real power.