**‘Be Fruitful, Multiply, and Fill the Earth’**

***27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth…”*** Genesis 1:27-28

In an age where globalist’s plans have revealed their desire to reduce the earth’s population from the current 7.12 billion to a mere 500 million[[1]](http://yourbibleblog.com/2016/09/12/be-fruitful-multiply-and-fill-the-earth/%22%20%5Cl%20%22_ftn1) (a whopping 93 percent reduction and horrifying when you think about what they want to do), these words of Genesis 1:28 likely make them nauseous.

Did God really bless humankind with these words? Were we really supposed to ***“be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth”***? Yes we were and as far as God is concerned this blessing is still in effect today.

Why do I think that these words are just as true today as when God spoke them? They are true today because God has never revoked them! There is nowhere in the Bible where God makes a statement such as: *“Okay, there are enough of you now. The earth’s resources can’t sustain you all so I’m instituting a mandatory maximum of one child only per couple.”*

God hasn’t said this and He wouldn’t say it. The reason He hasn’t said it and is NOT ever going to say it is because He created the earth to be FILLED! The earth is hardly full. Many people cite how crowded the cities of the world are but there remain many wide open spaces with plenty of space for many more people. Some people would argue that not every place is habitable. Some seem to be quite inhabitable. But didn’t God expressly state that man was to subdue the earth? Yes, He did. Even ‘in the beginning’ God knew that the earth would need to be subdued. The fact that people have largely gravitated to cities doesn’t mean that every other place is inhabitable. It simply means that man hasn’t done his part to subdue those places. It also means that moving into cities and living in them has been the choice a lot of people have made.

God also created the earth in such a way that it would sustain everything living upon it. This includes not only human beings but fish, birds, and animals as well. Amazingly, a World Food Program articles agrees and states: ***“The world produces enough to feed the entire global population of 7 billion people.”***[[2]](http://yourbibleblog.com/2016/09/12/be-fruitful-multiply-and-fill-the-earth/#_ftn2) Their website also included the following question and the answer they give to it: **Is there a food shortage in the world? *“There is enough food in the world today for everyone to have the nourishment necessary for a healthy and productive life.”***[[3]](http://yourbibleblog.com/2016/09/12/be-fruitful-multiply-and-fill-the-earth/#_ftn3)

We’ve established that God blessed the man and the woman and told them to be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth. We’ve also discovered that the earth is quite capable of feeding not only the people inhabiting it but the fish, birds, and animals as well. Since both of these things are true, then why are there hungry and starving people in the world today?

The answer is this: ***Broken people, (broken because of sin), are ruling and reigning in the earth.*** If sin would never have entered into the world, if we wouldn’t have ever become broken, there would never have been hungry and starving people in it. Let’s look further into the World Food Program article. The article states six reasons for hunger. They are: ***poverty, lack of investment in agriculture, climate and weather, war and displacement of populations because of war, unstable markets, and food wastage.***[[4]](http://yourbibleblog.com/2016/09/12/be-fruitful-multiply-and-fill-the-earth/#_ftn4)Five of the six reasons for hunger are influenced directly by people. The people who advocate ‘global warming’ *(I am not one of those people),* would blame people for “climate and weather” as well.

If sin hadn’t entered into the world (through man) there wouldn’t have been hunger and starvation and other troubles to contend with on a daily basis. But sin DID enter the world, so we are faced with these terrible things.

Since these things are facts, is there a solution? Yes there is. The solution is God – the God revealed in the Bible.

In our day, turning to God is the last thing people think to consider. He’s no longer welcomed in schools, homes, or the public square. He’s also been given the “boot” in many churches. Nevertheless, God IS the solution. Since turning away from God in rebellion brought on all of the troubles man faces, it stands to reason that turning back to Him would be the solution – AND IT IS! It takes a humble heart to hear this truth and respond to it, but that’s exactly what is needed. Can God heal the earth? He most certainly can. Does He want to heal the earth? Yes He does. Let me leave you with a Bible passage to ponder.

***13 “When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people,*** ***14 if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”*** 2 Chronicles 7:13-14

The One speaking in this passage is God. When God’s people persist in sinning against Him, even when He has called them to turn away from it, the troubler can become God Himself. If God is the Troubler, God is the Solution. Isn’t it time we do things God’s way?

[[1]](http://yourbibleblog.com/2016/09/12/be-fruitful-multiply-and-fill-the-earth/%22%20%5Cl%20%22_ftnref1) <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Georgia_Guidestones>

[[2]](http://yourbibleblog.com/2016/09/12/be-fruitful-multiply-and-fill-the-earth/%22%20%5Cl%20%22_ftnref2) <http://www.wfp.org/hunger/causes>

[[3]](http://yourbibleblog.com/2016/09/12/be-fruitful-multiply-and-fill-the-earth/%22%20%5Cl%20%22_ftnref3) <http://www.wfp.org/hunger/faqs>

[[4]](http://yourbibleblog.com/2016/09/12/be-fruitful-multiply-and-fill-the-earth/%22%20%5Cl%20%22_ftnref4) <http://www.wfp.org/hunger/causes>