

July 2012 Theme: **BLESSED!**

**MORNING WORSHIP**

**1 July 2012**

Title: **"THEN GOD BLESSED"**

Text: **Genesis 1-2**

**(I) THE VERY FIRST WORDS OF BLESSING PRONOUNCED**

**1. And God blessed them (Genesis 1:22)**

- a) Be fruitful and multiply
- b) Fill the waters in the sea
- c) Let bird multiply on the earth

**2. Then God blessed them and God said to them**

- a) Be fruitful and multiply
- b) Fill the earth
- c) Subdue it
- d) Have dominion over the fish of the sea,
- e) Over the birds of the air,
- f) And over every living thing that moves on the earth (**Genesis 1:28**)

**(II) THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THESE WORDS OF BLESSING**

**1. Introduces God**

- a) As the Source (Creator)
- b) As the Sustainer
  - i) His blessing is to be understood
  - ii) His blessing is needed
  - iii) His blessing is desired

## **2. Introduces us to Man**

- a) Made in the image of God
- b) Both male and female
- c) Responsibility to be understood
  - i) To fill the earth
  - ii) To subdue it
  - iii) To have dominion over the earth

## **(III) DIVINE BLESSINGS OUTPOURED**

### **1. Little understood**

### **2. Taken too much for granted**

### **3. Nevertheless God's blessings have been outpoured**

### **4. Recognising and acknowledging the blessings of God**

- a) Sustenance of Life
- b) Bearing the image of God
- c) Subduing/overcoming the world
- d) Success in life