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Message #3

Principalities & Powers



The Bible

- Contains the **most important information** a person can know.
 - And it's a particular kind of information you cannot find anywhere else.
- Today, we are going to see some important info on the spiritual dynamics around us.
- This info is **not a secret**, but it is **buried** within the **stories** and **teachings** of Scripture.
 - Only the hungry and diligent will discover these buried treasures.



Spiritual Principles

Jesus, Matthew 5:6

Blessed are those who **hunger** and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Proverbs 25:2

It is the glory of God to **conceal** a matter,
but the glory of kings is to **search out**
a matter.

Ephesians 6:10-12



10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Our Enemies

- Against principalities
- Against powers
- Against the rulers of darkness of this age
- Against Spiritual Hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places (spirit realm)



Our Enemies

- Kingdom of **Darkness**
 - **Organized** & strategizing to bring destruction in your life and the world.
 - Mimicking The Kingdom of God.
 - Evil must be resisted & **wrestled**
- **Principalities**
 - **Principal** = first or highest in rank, chief
 - **Prince** = Sovereign or **King**



Daniel 10:4-13, 20-21*

- I came because of your words.
- Prince of Persia
- Prince of Greece

Deuteronomy 32:7-8

7 "Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations. Ask your father, and he will show you; Your elders, and they will tell you: 8 When the Most High divided their inheritance to the nations, when He separated the sons of Adam, He set the boundaries of the peoples according to the number of the **children of Israel**. 9 For the LORD'S portion is His people; Jacob is the place of His inheritance.

- children of Israel or **sons of God** (in earlier manuscripts)

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Sons of God

- Adam = son of God
- Spiritual Beings = sons of God (both good & bad)
- Believers = sons & daughters of God

Jesus = The Son of God

“only begotten” = one of a kind

Psalm 82:1-8*

Isaiah 34:1-4*

Isaiah 24:21*

1 Corinthians 10:19-22*

- Idolatry is serious business.

Colossian 2:13-15

13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, 14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. 15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

Jesus, Matthew 6:13

And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one (evil).

- Is there real evil in our world?
- How would you explain the evil of certain world rulers?
- How would you explain the murders of innocent people with all the shootings?
- How would you explain our country's obsession with aborting children?
- How would you explain the level of violence in our land?

Ephesians 6:12

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