

UNDERSTANDING YOUR WORLDS

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We have access to two worlds--one is this natural, physical world and the other is the world of spirits.

[2 Corinthians 4:18 \(AMP\)](#) | [In Context](#) | [Whole Chapter](#)

18 Since we consider *and* look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are visible are temporal (brief and fleeting), but the things that are invisible are deathless *and* everlasting.

Understanding this will build your faith.

Luke 8:4-8

- This parable is about hearing the Word of God
- There are 4 available choices on how you can hear the Word
- These choices will determine how fruitful the Word is in your life

Luke 8:5 tells us that a sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it.

Matthew 13:19 explains it this way;

When anyone hears the Word of the Kingdom, and does not UNDERSTAND it, then the wicked one comes and snatches it away that which was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside.

- The seed is the Word of God
- It's fruitfulness depends on what type of ground it's sown in
- The 'wayside' ground is composed of people that though they hear the Word, they don't understand it

Matthew 13:13

- The reason they don't understand is that their hearts have become calloused--hard
- A hard heart can't receive the Word

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

Ephesians 4:17-19

- The accuser has blinded the minds and they can't see the truth
- Their understanding is darkened because of the ignorance in them-- because of the blindness in their heart

We must ask God for a pure heart--one that welcomes the truth no matter how hard it is to hear.

- The truth we are wanting to hear this morning is about the two worlds that affect our lives
- The spirit world is inhabited by creatures just as this natural world is inhabited by creatures

Luke 4:1-14 (read from paper)

- Jesus had just received the Word from God about His identity
- The adversary came immediately to steal it from Him

REVIEW FROM LAST WEEK:

- We have access to two worlds--one natural and the other spiritual
- Understanding this will build your faith
- Understanding this will answer questions
- To be able to understand, we must receive the Word we hear the right way--we must have a pure heart
- A pure heart welcomes the truth no matter how hard it is to hear
- So, let's throw out our stinkin' thinking' and believe what the Bible tells us

What does the Bible tell us?

- 2 Kings 6:15-17
- This servant's natural eyes were already opened because he saw the Syrian army surrounding the city
- What eyes needed to be opened? **His spiritual eyes!**
- When they were opened he saw the angel army surrounding Elisha and the angel army was bigger and more powerful than the Syrian army!

Matthew 15:12-14 & Matthew 13:14-15

- Physically they can see and hear
- It is the eyes and hears that connect them to the spirit world that are blind and deaf
- It is your heart's condition that determines what how sharp your spirit eyes and hears are

What is the truth that we must understand?

- The Bible tells us there is a natural world and there is a spirit world.
- Who lives in the natural world? Creatures made of flesh.
- Who lives in the spirit world? Creatures made of spirit.

Genesis 6:4 & Enoch 15:8-11

And now the giants, who have been begotten from body and flesh, will be called evil spirits on earth, and their dwelling-places will be upon the earth. Evil spirits proceed from their bodies; because they are created from above, their beginning and first basis being from the holy watchers, they will be evil spirits upon the earth, and will be called evil spirits. But the spirits of heaven have their dwelling-places in heaven, and the spirits of the earth, who were **born** on the earth, have their dwelling-places on earth. And the spirits of the giants, who **cast** themselves upon the clouds, will be destroyed and fall, and will battle and cause destruction on the earth, and do evil; they will take no kind of food, nor will they become thirsty, and **they will be invisible**.

- The Nephilim are evil spirits; sometimes referred to as demons
- They are the hybrid offspring of fallen angels and human women.
- The fallen angels are created spirit beings once considered the sons of God
- There is a difference between demons and fallen angels.
- The difference is their **origin**--or where they come from

The Bible makes a clear distinction between the category of demons and the category of principalities and powers--fallen angels

- The problem is a lack of defined terms and it has resulted in ignorance and confusion.

The enemy has used our ignorance to hide his functions.

- For example, we have used the word **devil** interchangeably for **demon** and vice versa.
- Also, we have said that people are **possessed of devils** when the proper translation of the Greek word *daimonizomenous* gives no inkling to a **possession**.
- It should have been rendered **demonized**.
- Likewise, we have inadvertently used the word **demon** to describe all unclean spirits, including **principalities or powers**.

Principalities and powers are the one-third of the angelic host who were banished with satan.

- They still occupy a designated portion of the heavens and are territorially assigned over regions of the earth.

Demons, on the other hand, are terrestrial (of, on or relating to the Earth) spirits, confined to the face of the earth.

- They literally walk and seek the resting place of a human body.
- Demons are unclean spirits who primarily invade and corporeally inhabit the bodies of men or women.

The origin of this species is different than that of fallen angels.

Matthew 12:43 & Luke 11:24

- The conclusion of the matter is as follows: when the spirits of these mutant hybrids were forced out of their bodies, either by dying before the flood or by drowning at the flood, they had no place to go.
- Heaven was the place for pure angels and hell the place for evil men.
- These perverted mongrel beings which did not qualify for either place were left to roam the face of the earth.
- The spirits of the giants, or Nephilim, were released into the world as spirit-beings with no bodies, looking for a resting place.
- Even though they have a hybrid nature, they nonetheless still are partially **mankind** and seek the rest of a body.

In summary, the spirits of the giants, the Nephilim, are the hybrid offspring of the Watchers and earthly women.

- When the giants died in the flood, their half-breed spirits had no place to go; therefore, they have no rest.
- These spirits are what we now refer to as demons.
- Demons are inextricably bound by their nature which was sealed at the time of their birth.
- They are accursed bastards who are driven by the grossly unfair and morally wrong passions of their fathers, the Watchers.
- Demons have no rest aside from finding a body in which they can take up residence.
- In their own bodies, before the flood, they actually began to devour one another, which shows their selfish, blood thirsty nature.
- They are a race of hybrid beings—half Watcher, half man—selfishly

driven and fully devoted to only themselves.

Both 1 Enoch and Jubilees record that the bodies of the Nephilim were enormous, so they consumed all the food they could find and began to eat each other.

- This is in agreement with the excessive and insatiable selfish nature of demons. (They also think that they are bigger than they really are.)
- They demonize people to cause gluttony, alcoholism and perverse habits of all sorts of excesses.
- Hence, they are creatures of lust.

When you see this kind of behavior--driven--like, the person wants to stop but struggles with controlling themselves--they are most likely demonized.

- Once the demon is told to leave them alone, the person experiences freedom from the compulsive behavior or healing and restoration in their mind or body--or both.
- Mark 5:1-15
- There is a noticeable difference in a person when demons are told to leave them alone.

Mark 7:24-30

- The child was controlled by a demon
- Jesus told it to leave and it did

Mark 1:23-27 & 32-34

- Demons are real
- Jesus cast out demons and healed all those who would receive

Principalities and Powers

We have the same purpose in understanding principalities and powers as with demons—to exercise authority over them with the purpose of establishing the kingdom of God on the earth.

- Principalities and powers are heavenly, not earthly bound creatures; which is their major difference from demon spirits.

From studying the actual words, **principalities** and **powers**, we can

derive some much-needed understanding concerning their functions.

- Principalities is the Greek word arche, which means **first in order and rank**.
- Power means **exercised strength**.
- The indication is that the principalities are higher ranking evil spirits and the powers are lower ranking heavenly beings working to enforce their superiors' mandates.⁷
- Demons function on the earth, but principalities and powers function in the heavenlies.

Ephesians 3:10 & 6:12; 1 Peter 3:22

- The angelic rulers are the fallen angels of the rebellion
- Referred to as principalities and powers
- All authority has been given to Jesus
- Which means, these rebel spirits have no choice but to obey

Daniel 10:12-13

- The verses show that, through prayers, angels are sent to and from heaven with answers to prayers but are sometimes intercepted by principalities and powers.
- We also see that more prayers mean more angels get into the fray.
- The end results of circumstances are not carved in stone by the inalterable will of God as some fatalists communicate.
- Testify about Joshua

From an abundance of scriptures it is clear that these evil spirits are operating from the heavenly realm and are influencing earth in different ways than demons do.

- As we recognize their function, we will be better able to exercise authority over them.
- Spiritual warfare is waged against principalities and powers not by being cast out, but by displacement through prayer.
- Principalities and powers are evil spirits who function in the heavenlies and are in direct conflict with angels.
- Principalities and powers are the angels who were deposed along with satan--They are not demons.

With this information in mind, we will now see how to specifically deal with principalities, powers and demons and how to exercise authority over each one.

Regardless of whether we are dealing with principalities, powers or demons, some common truths apply:

- 1. Sin gives each of them strength and access into our lives.
- 2. More prayer means more angels effectively work for us; less prayer means more principalities and powers effectively work against us.
- 3. Without the power and information given by the Holy Spirit we are helpless.
- 4. It is only through the blood of Jesus (its atoning power) and the power of the Holy Spirit that we have dominion over evil spirits and are able to subdue them.

Genesis 1:28 gives the initial assignment of mankind over the earth.

- Notice the word SUBDUE
- After the fall of man, when sin entered and the presence of the Holy Spirit was lost, we see God charging Noah and his sons with a similar commission, yet we find a very important word and portion of the commission is missing.

Genesis 9:1

- The word and commission that is missing is **subdue**.
- There is good reason for this omission.
- The presence of the Holy Spirit had been removed, thereby the power to accomplish the **subduing** part of the assignment was missing.
- It was not until Jesus came and paid the price for sin that the power of the Holy Spirit was again given to mankind and his spiritual ability to subdue this realm was regained.
- The Holy Spirit regenerated the spirit of man (Titus 3:5) and made him alive and sensitive to the spirit realm once again.
- Now the Holy Spirit can equip us with power and lead us in knowledge to make this **subduing** possible.

It is not coincidental that God spoke to Noah and his sons immediately after the flood when demon spirits, the spirits of the Nephilim, were first released into the world.

- At that time, mankind did not have power and authority over them to subdue them.
- It was not until Jesus redeemed mankind and made the anointing of the Holy Spirit available that our dominion and ability to subdue this realm returned.
- Jesus returned to us the authority over evil spirits.
- Always remember, though, it is only possible because of the power of the Holy Spirit that abides in us and comes upon us.

Luke 10:19

- In this verse, Jesus referred to principalities as serpents, powers as scorpions, and demons as the power of the enemy
- He gave us authority over each and all of them.

Mark 16:17-18

- Another reference shows the distinction between them as well as our authority over them.
- These verses also reveal to us how to deal with each category differently.
- It is apparent that Jesus makes a distinction between these categories of evil spirits.
- He is talking about casting out one and taking up the other.
- He gives us the simplicity of dealing with principalities, powers and demons in this verse alone:
- **we cast out demons, but we take up the battle against principalities and powers by prayer in order to displace them.**

Matthew 10:1

- The succinct method of dealing with demons from the Word of God is to drive them out or to cast them out.
- There are 52 usages of the word daimonion in the New Testament Greek text and 75 percent of these are in the context of being cast out.
- Cast out is the Greek word **ekballo** and it literally means **to throw out**.
- The reason that demons must be cast out is because they actually

seek to live inside of people.

- The only rest they can find is to inhabit a body.
- They will have no rest until the day of judgment when they will join the devil and the fallen angels in the lake of fire
- Access inside a person is given to them by the presence of sin or weakness in someone's body.
- Where continual sickness or sin exists, quite often this is because of the abiding presence of a demon.
- Jesus gave His disciples authority over demons, sicknesses and weaknesses at the same time because they are so closely related.

On the other hand, there are eight usages of principalities and powers in the New Testament and none of them are cast out.

- The reason for this is simple.
- Demons are different than principalities and powers.
- Demons live in people on the earth but principalities and powers exercise their dominion in the heavenlies.
- Nowhere in scripture is a principality or power cast out.
- They are displaced by prayers as we saw in Daniel chapter 10.

Mark 16:18

- To take up means **to lift up**
- It means to take control and authority over something by lifting it up.
- This is perfectly described in the commission of binding and loosing:

Matthew 16:19

- This is the authoritative power given to the church to enforce the rules and laws of the kingdom of heaven on the earth.
- We bind principalities away from their influence on earth by loosing angels to war against them in the heavenlies just as in the days of Daniel, when Michael came to fight against the prince of Persia.
- Simply stated, demons are cast out of people by a command.
- Principalities and powers are bound from having influence upon the earth through the vocal orders given through prayers or commands as the Holy Spirit directs individuals.

Conclusion

- Demons are the disembodied spirits of the Nephilim
- Principalities and powers are the fallen angels that were deposed at the time of

satan's rebellion.

- Demons are cast out, whereas principalities and powers are displaced through prayer and commands issued by the Holy Spirit to the church on Earth.

We rejoice, not because evil spirits are subject to us, but rather that the Lord has chosen us to learn these things, and especially that we can do something for Him with what we know.

