

Topic: Dealing with Principalities and Powers.

Text: Ephesians 6:10 - 18; Revelation 12:7 - 12.

Aim. To equip the believer with requisite knowledge to deal with evil forces.

Introduction: The Bible tells us that God created the Heavens and the Earth and gave mankind the authority to rule over the earth (Genesis 1:27; Jeremiah 27:5). Unfortunately, man relinquished this authority to Satan when he disobeyed God in the garden of Eden. Man lost the presence and glory of God and became a slave to Satan, together with the entire creation under Heaven (Roman 3:23, 8:19-23). Satan, thence, became the prince of this world, the prince of the power of the air (John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11; Ephesians 2:1-2) and the god of this world (2 Corinthians 4:4). This laid the foundation of Satan's dominance over the earth and its people. The good news is that Jesus Christ came into the world to destroy Satan's dominance over man (1 John 3:8, Matthew 28:18). This study will x-ray Satan's kingdom's operational structure and how to deal with them.

Discussion Questions:

1 From the following Scriptures, identify principalities and powers. Rev. 12:7-12, Ezek. 29:2-4, Dan. 10:11-15, 20-21, Acts. 8:9-13, Acts. 19:23-29.

2 Identify Satan's kingdom's operational strategy. Eph. 6:12, Dan. 10:12-13, 20, Rev. 12:7-9, 13-17, Rev. 2:18-24, Rev. 17:1-7, 15

3 How can these principalities and powers be overcome? Eph. 6:10-18; 1 John 4:4; Rev. 12:10-11, Luke 10:19; 2 Cor. 10:3-4

Conclusion: Principalities and powers refer to category of spiritual beings or authority within the unseen realm that interferes/influence human realm. Satan as the leader of the army of demons, has organized his army by rank and file. They constantly interfere in the lives of believers to thwart or hinder the purpose of God on the earth and to take as many as possible with them to hell. Believers must be aware that they are at war with Satan and his army of demons and engage all the spiritual weapons through Christ to pull down and subdue these evil forces.

Memory Verse: Ephesians 6:10, 12 “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places”.