

1) Three Heavens

- "Jesus our High Priest passed through the heavens" Heb 4:14, Heb 7:26
- "I know a man, who was caught up to the third heaven" 2 Cor 12:2

a) 1st Heaven - Our Immediate Atmosphere

- **Gen 6:7** Birds of heaven; birds of the air (Matt 6:26)
- **James 5:18** Elijah prayed, and God sent rain from heaven

b) 2nd Heaven - Outer Space (The Sun, Moon, Stars)

- **Deut 4:19** Lift your eyes to heaven, see the sun & moon etc...
- **Deut 10:14** Heaven and the highest heavens belong to the Lord your God & all earth
- **Ps 148:4** Praise Him, you, heavens and waters above the heavens

c) 3rd Heaven - The Home Of God - 3rd Heaven

- God is **omnipresent**, No location can contain Him, However, the Bible does refer to His *dwelling* place, place of *authority*, where His *throne resides*
- **1 Kings 8:27** Behold the heaven, and the Heaven of Heavens can't contain you
- **Heb 9:12** Jesus entered into heaven (3rd) and appeared to God for us
- **Heb 8:1** Jesus sat down on his throne (a place where God resides) in the heavens
- **Acts 7:55** Stephen gazed up into heaven and saw Jesus at the right hand of God
- **Rev 7:11** Angels stand around the throne

d) Heavenly Realms – Authority Realms

- Paul uses the phrase "**heavenly realms**" **x5** in Ephesian (1:3, 1:20; 2:6; 3:10; 6:12)
- Paul also says: Set you mind on things of the spirit not flesh (Rom 8:5, 9)
- *Seek those things that are above* (Col 3:1-2)

i) Heavenly Realm

- **Kingdom of Light**
- Heavenly, spiritual realm
- Realm of Faith, eternity, God's domain & authority

ii) Earthly Realm

- **Kingdom of darkness**
- Earthly, fleshly, sensual, physical realm
- The devil's domain, God of this world authority

e) Who lives in the three heavens?

- Who lives in these three heavens, are they spirit worlds?
- Both, good and evil, God, Satan, angels and demons...?
- What power & authority do they have here on earth, in your life & family?
- Do these beings impact on us, control, manipulate, interact us?

2) Satan and Demonic Powers

- *God created all things, Visible & Invisible* **Col 1:16**
- Angels and Satan / Demons do exist and are created beings

a) Facts about Satan (evil one, adversary, opponent, devil, lucifer, prince of the air)

- Satan is a created being, he was beautiful **Ezek 18:12-14**
 - He was "*the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty*"
 - Satan was a **guardian cherub** (Lucifer, son of the morning) in the 3rd Heaven
 - Satan had some components of musical instruments - timbrels/pipes **Ezek 28:13**

- b) Satan sinned - Pride - rebelled, wanted to be the *Most High*, wanted worship** **Is 14:12**
- Satan is punished...
- i) Satan is **KICKED OUT** of **3rd Heaven** - the Serpent of old Rev 12: 4 & 7
- Jesus said: "***I saw Satan fall like lightning from Heaven***" Luke 10:19
 - **He is the ruler of this world – has been Cast Out** John 12:31
 - Satan and a third of the angels fought with archangel Michael & angels, and he loses the battle... **Kicked out of Heaven!** Rev 12: 4 & 7
 - Satan does **not** have open access to heaven / God's presence.
 - God is Holy and absolutely without sin Is 6:3
 - God will not even look (swell with) on evil Hab 1:13
 - He needs to be summoned by God!
- ii) At the final judgment day, Satan and all his angels will be cast into the lake of fire for all eternity, day & night forever and ever Rev 20:10
- c) What are the powers and authorities the devils available to him?**
- **He is the *Ruler of this World* – has been cast out** John 12:31
 - Satan is called the ***Prince of the air*** (that we breath/atmosphere) Eph 2:1-2
 - ***God of this world*** (of this age) 2 Cor 4:4
 - **See also:** Col 1:16, Col 2:15, Eph 1:20-22, Eph 2:2, Eph 3:10, Eph 6:12 (x6)
- Principalities** - '*arche*' - Rulers of the highest level (Col 2:15, Eph 3:10, Eph 6:12)
- Kings
 - Politicians
- Powers** - '*exousias*' - Delegated Power (Col 2:15, Eph 3:10, Eph 6:12)
- Authorities
 - Public Office, somebody with authority entrusted to them
 - People elected
- Might** - '*dunamis*' - Explosive Power
- Full strength a military army
- Dominions** - '*kuriotes*' - Lordship of a system
- Any world system...
 - Financial & Economic system
 - Political system
 - Religious system
 - Cultural system
- Paul explicitly says that Satan works in the sons of disobedience Eph 2:2
- d) His weapons**
- He is an accuser of the Christians day and night before our God Rev 12:10
 - He is called the ***Tempter*** (also tried to temp Jesus - Matt 4:3) 1 Thess 3:5
 - His is a ***Deceiver*** (Gen 3) - deceived the nations Rev 20:3
 - He blinds people's spiritual eyes 2 Cor 4:4
 - He is the father of ***Lies*** - a murderer John 8:44

3) Jesus and Powers & Authority

- Before the incarnation, **Jesus was the Word**, Creator of Heaven & Earth John 1:1-3, Col 1:15-17
- On earth, Jesus was given **All authority** Matt 11:27, Matt 28:18-20, Col 2:10, Jhn 3:35
- When Jesus died...
 - Jesus went to the bowels of the earth - Hades Eph 4:9
 - Hades being separated into two parts at that point: Luke 16:26
 - Jesus preaches to the imprisoned spirits 1 Pet 3:19
 - *Because of the blood covenant, I will set the prisoners of hope free, from the waterless pit to a place of safety* **Zech 9:10-12**
 - Conquers sin & death with His blood 2 Tim 1:10, Heb 2:15, Rom 5:12, Acts 2:24
 - He rose from the grave in the earth (tomb) Eph 4:9
 - Leads a victory parade (ticker-tape parade) 2 Cor 2:14
 - Leading Satan and the demons in an embarrassing parade of shame
 - Taking the captives with him as first-fruits 1 Cor 15:20
- Jesus has authority **Col 2:15, Heb 2:14,**
- *Angels, demons & Satan himself are subject to Him (authorities & powers)* **1 Pet 3:18-22**
- Jesus is literally superior to all Rulers, Elected Leaders, Military Powers and Constitutional Authorities. - **HE IS LORD OF ALL**

4) Where do we come in? What is Our Authority - **Come up Higher**

- We are seated with HIM in Heavenly Places... **Eph 1:20-22, Eph 2:4-8**
- We are the body of Christ Col 1:18
- Jesus is seated on the Throne and every knee will bow, in heaven, on the earth and below the earth – **Phil 2:10**
- *Protect them from the evil one* John 17:15-16
 - Ps 91:11 He will give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways
 - Ps 34:7 The Angel of the Lord encamp around us; and delivers us
 - Heb 1:14 Angels are ministering spirits sent to care for, help and minister to us
 - Matt 18:10 Every child has a guarding angel, in God's presence
- *I give you the authority to trample, and over all the power of the enemy...* Luke 10:19
- *God of peace will crush Satan under your feet...* Rom 16:20
- *God, who gives us the victory...* 1 Cor 15:57
- *You have already won a victory, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater...* 1 Jhn 4:4
- *Resist the devil and he will flee from you...* James 4:7-8
- *Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven...* Matt 6:10
- *Nothing will separate us from His Love...* Rom 8:38-39