



Dear Precious Friend,

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Pantokrator

Satan is given a number of names in the NT. Among them are three significant names that denote his rulership: the prince of the power of the air, the god of this world and the kosmokrator/ruler of the darkness of this world (which includes both Satan and his cohorts).

*For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers (*kosmokrators*) of the darkness of this world/*αἰών*/age, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Ephesians 6:12*

*Wherein in time past you walked according to the course/*αἰών* of this world/*kosmos*, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience: Ephesians 2:2-6*

*In whom the god of this world (age/*aeon*) has blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. 2 Cor. 4:4*

The enemy rules the darkness of this world/age, but he does not rule the light. He rules over the air. That means he rules over the atmosphere between the earth and the heavens/the dwelling place of God. He is restricted in space and time. The enemy and his cohorts have rulership over the darkness, not over the light! The enemy is limited in place but also in time. He is called the god of this age. He has limited rulership in time and space. His rulership is temporal and not eternal.

In the midst of all the present global confusion and shaking, we need to lay hold of the truth about the enemy's dominion vs God's. There are two words in the Greek NT that can help us get a right perspective of these two dominions. This is especially critical during these unprecedented times where we must stand, take the authority that has been given to us in God as we cooperate with Him. These two words are kosmokrator and pantokrator.

In translating the word, kosmokrator (Eph 6:12) to English, the word ruler is used, but it does not convey the full meaning of the original text precisely unless we add other words to it. It's important to see what the NT writers were doing by using the Greek word kosmokrator. First of all, there's a play on the words, kosmokrator and Pantokrator, to show the difference between the spiritual authority, control and territory of Satan vs that of Almighty God. It is a name given to the enemy to assign him to his "right" place, to his limited sphere of influence. The prefix kosmo (*the world as asserting its independence from God*) in kosmokrator is used to show the limitations placed on him and his demons

and the prefix Panto (*all, every, the whole*) in Pantokrator is used to reveal the unlimited eternal and all-encompassing dominion of God who is over all and in all. Only our God is over all, invisible and visible, now and forever.

The enemy and his cohorts have rulership over the darkness, not over the light! The enemy is limited in space but also in time. He is called the god of this world (gk: age; period of time). He has limited rulership in time and space. And over and above him is Almighty God, Pantokrator! Satan is under the God and Creator of the Universe. Satan's spirit works IN the children of disobedience but not in the children of God who have the Spirit of God working in them to do and to will of His good pleasure/will, but we must always cooperate with Him. To cooperate we need to be rightly informed and aligned.

The name Pantokrator is the name translated in the Septuagint for both El Shaddai (God Almighty, the God of all Sufficiency) and YHWH Sabaoth "[Lord of Hosts](#)" or Lord of Armies. Therefore this name Pantokrator contains both the meaning of the All-Sufficient Almighty One and the One who is Commander-in-Chief of the Armies of the Lord.

God raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 2:6

And what is the exceeding greatness of His power towards us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power, which He wrought in Christ, when He raised him from the dead, and set Him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And has put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be the head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fulness of Him that fills all in all. Ephesians 1:19-23

Heaven is God's throne and the earth is His footstool. Therefore, the kosmokrator who has temporary dominion over the earth is in fact under the footstool of the Lord! He is under his feet! We are seated together with Christ in the heavens. He is our only Head. We are His fulness, His body. In union with Christ, Satan is under our feet.

Please take 10 minutes to watch this important video on the "*Pantokrator*":
<https://youtu.be/vMJQOwoqsLA>

Good News from the Biblelands:

We are continuing with our midweek zoom prayer, worship and teaching with some of our Greek friends who are growing in grace and Christ-likeness through this initiative. We are so proud of them!

On Tuesday evenings, we zoom pray with a group of prayer houses in the Mediterranean and together we pray in unity over the region the Lord has assigned us to. What a blessing to join our prayers and see the manifested power of God through our unity.

We visited our Greek friends and their extended family in their summer home by the sea recently. We were able to share the word, worship and pray for them and then ate a delicious meal together! God is doing a new thing in taking His Ecclesia out from the four walls and causing us to be one in our homes and in other places outside of the usual meeting hall, Praise God that He is making us one family with One Father!

We met with friends at the top of Thessaloniki where Paul entered and spoke to the city. We prayed, worshiped, took communion and shared the gospel with those drawn by the Spirit. A Greek man gave his heart to the Lord!

We are hosting zoom prayer calls for the Bible Region: Israel, Cyprus, Greece and they have been powerful! We are believing God for a move of His Spirit in this special region.

Thank you for your continued support in prayer and finances as we all tread through these unprecedented times. God is and will continue to be faithful to us. During this global shaking, we His people can be sure of His love, protection and faithfulness. Thank you to those of you who write and share your heart and encouragement with me. I am honored to be your friend and family!

Shalom and Agape,

Greta

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