

Lesson 3

The Kingdom of God & World Mission

Being On Mission With God



The Kingdom Of God - 1

- The gospel of the Kingdom:
Matthew 4:23-25, 9:35-38, 24:14; Mark 1:14,15;
Luke 4:43, 8:1; Acts 8:12
- Kingdom of God = Kingdom of Heaven = place where God rules and is obeyed and where His powers to heal, bless, and save are clearly manifested (Matthew 5:3,10; 6:10, 10:7,8)
- Reconnection of Heaven & Earth through Christ
- Presence of God in power (Matthew 12:28)
- Jesus 'filling all things' – Ephesians 4:10



The Kingdom Of God - 2

- Not our Kingdom- God's Kingdom!
- Preaching of repentance: Matthew 3:2, 4:17
- Bringing people into obedience to Kingdom values: Matthew 28:18-20, 2 Corinthians 10:3-6
- Rulership of Christ: 1 Corinthians 15:22-28
- A Spiritual Kingdom: John 18:36, Revelation 11:15
- Where people are filled w. joy and w. the Holy Spirit: Ephesians 4:10, 5:18, Acts 13:52
- Eventually involves the renewal of Creation: Romans 8:18-21, Isaiah 11:1-10



Involves All Nations

- **Revelation 5:8-10 ESV**

And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. (9) And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, (10) and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

- **Matthew 28:18-20 ESV**

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. (19) Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (20) teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."



Mustard-Seed Ministries

- Matthew 13:31,32
- Matthew 17:19,20
- Luke 13:18,19
- Luke 17:5,6
- Kingdom is 'not of this world' (John 18:36) and not a human, national or corporate construct
- Zechariah 4:6,7



The New Authority

- Matthew 11:11-13
- 1 Corinthians 6:1-3
- Luke 10:18-20
- Mark 16:17-20



Missions & Authority

- Missions requires the use of spiritual authority – as much if not more than any other area of ministry
- This is due to the conflict between light and darkness that comes in taking territory for God
- Many 'mainline' churches no longer believe in spiritual warfare or spiritual authority while others do no teach or practice it.
- The fastest growing churches in the world are those that have an active prayer life and a good grasp of spiritual warfare in their area.
- We need to go from the throne room of God to our mission in the world!



Authority

- – (Gk. “exousia”)
- Positional rule and authority, the legitimate right to exercise power, privilege, mastery, magisterial power, the power of a potentate.
- Christian authority is always ‘in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ - and is not our own authority to wield as we like. It must do God’s will.
- (*Matthew 7:29, 8:8-13, Luke 9:1,2; 10:17-19, John 1:12, Acts 26:18, Ephesians 1:20,21; Revelation 2:26,27; 6:8, 9:3,4; 11:6*)



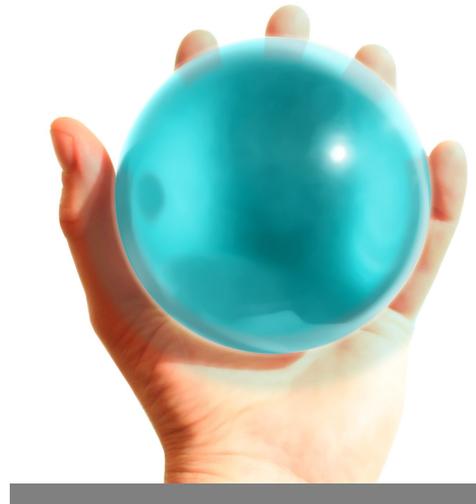
Power

- - (Gk. 'dunamis')
- the ability to do something or to make something possible.
- Miraculous power, God's power,
- A mighty work, ability, abundance, power, strength. "Dynamite" power



- *(Matthew 17:20, 19:26, Mark 9:23, Luke 1:37, Matthew 11:21, 14:1,2; 22:29, 24:29,30; 26:64; Mark 5:30, 9:1,39; Luke 1:7, 4:6,36; 6:19, Acts 1:8)*

Energies



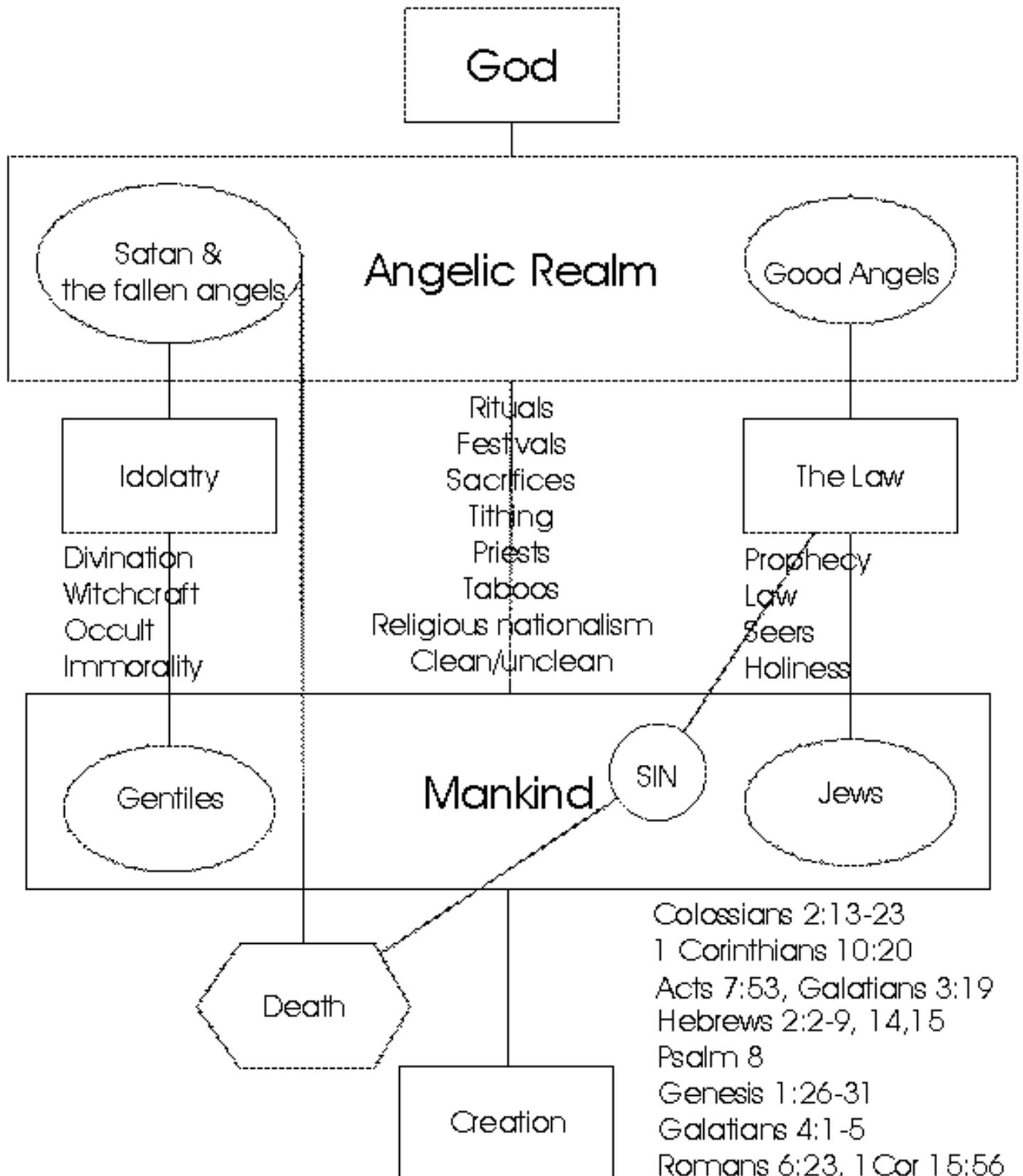
- (Gk. 'energeia)
- energies that work in or through a person (sometimes used in combination w. *dunamis*)
- resurrection power,
- including divine or demonic energies , occult energy, spiritual gifts, influences, demonstrations of power
- (*Ephesians 1:19,20; 2:2, 2 Thessalonians 2:7, 9; 1 Corinthians 12:6,11; 16:9, Mark 6:14, Galatians 2:8, 3:5; Ephesians 3:7, 4:16, Philippians 3:21, Colossians 1:29, 2:12, Hebrews 4:12*),

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POWER

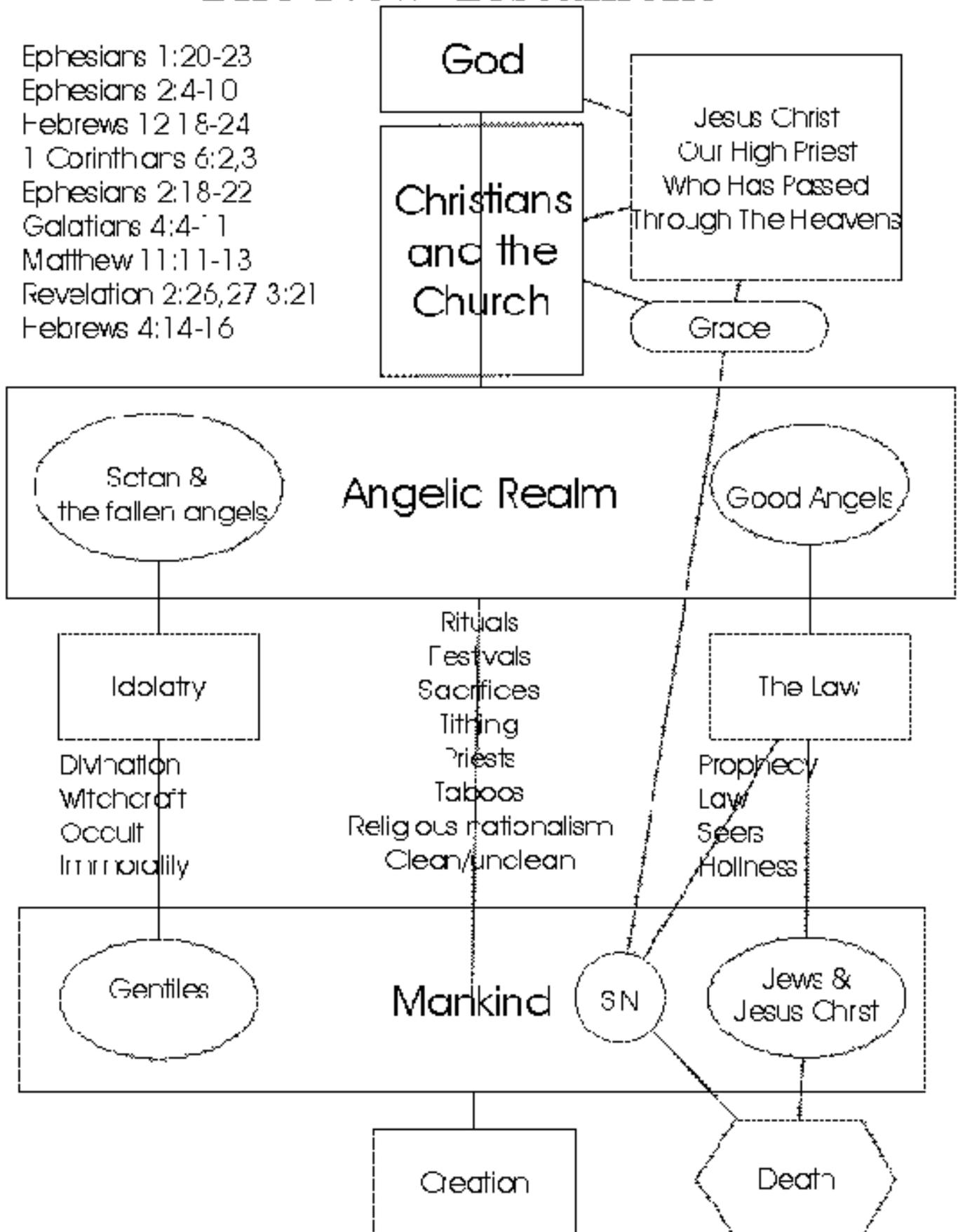
ENERGIES

The Old Testament



The New Testament

Ephesians 1:20-23
 Ephesians 2:4-10
 Hebrews 12:18-24
 1 Corinthians 6:2,3
 Ephesians 2:18-22
 Galatians 4:4-7
 Matthew 11:11-13
 Revelation 2:26,27 3:21
 Hebrews 4:14-16



The Heavenly Realms

Above the Heavens - God – A Place of Great Glory

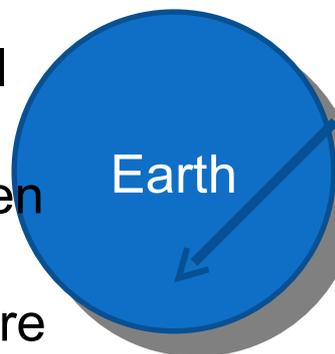
3rd Heaven – The Throne of God

2nd Heaven – Angels / Spiritual Warfare

1st heaven - Air

Satan was cast out of the Third Heaven, was in the 2nd Heaven before the cross. After being defeated by Christ he is now 'prince of the power of the air (1st heaven)

Satan will be cast to the Earth and this will bring about the Tribulation, he will then end up in the Pit and later in the Lake of Fire



Abraham's Bosom (Good)
Sheol

Hades – Bad ? Torment

Hades /Hell

The Pit

The Lake Of Fire

At the cross Sheol was emptied of the good . And the bad area Hades became Hell



The Three Heavens

- The word Heaven is plural “shamayim” or “ouranoi” (Gk). There are three heavens or “shamayim” mentioned in Scripture.
- **Above the Heavens** – where God’s glory dwells and where Satan once aimed to be. (Psalm 8:1, 108:4,5, Ephesians 1:20, 4:10, Isaiah 14:12-14)
- **Third Heaven** (2 Corinthians 12:2) – the Throne, where Paul went and heard holy things.
- **Second Heaven** (Revelation 12:4-12, 14:6,7) –Where Satan and fallen angels first fell to and demons are fighting for now.
- **First Heaven** (Genesis 1:20, Psalm 104:12, Daniel 2:38) – birds dwell, Satan dwells as prince of the power of the air since the cross.

Summary

- Missions is an international, multi-ethnic, effort to extend the Kingdom of God
- It involves mainly small 'mustard-seed ministries' and is no longer The-West-To-The-Rest but is Ethne-To-Ethne (national group to national group)
- It involves struggling against principalities and powers and those that have the best grasp on spiritual warfare are having the most success
- Missions is primarily a supernatural activity 'Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit says the Lord'
- Missions involves using God's throne-room authority, Holy Spirit power and spiritual gifts and energies to glorify Jesus Christ
- We can use these because we have been seated with Christ in the heavenly realms.

