

# GOD OF THIS WORLD

## Lesson 6 – Outline

I. We were given dominion—power and authority—over the earth.

*I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High.*

Psalm 82:6

A. Since it was ours to rule and reign, we were gods over this earth.

*The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.*

Psalm 115:16

B. The Creator gave us the power and authority to rule over this earth as if we were the creator.

II. When Lucifer—still the sinless, perfect angel of God in the Garden sent to minister to Adam and Eve—saw the unconditional authority over the earth that God had given to man, he recognized an opportunity.

*O Lucifer, son of the morning...thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds: I will be like the most High.*

Isaiah 14:12-14

A. Lucifer saw that if he could get Adam and Eve to yield to him and rebel against God, then he could become the new “god” of this world (2 Cor. 4:4).

B. Understanding how God’s kingdom works, Lucifer knew that if he could trick Adam and Eve into yielding to and obeying him, then he could become their master.

C. Then he could take the power and authority that had been given to mankind and use it to begin thwarting the kingdom of God and start receiving this praise, adoration, and glory that he felt he desired.

D. For God to maintain His integrity and stand by what He had previously said—“You have dominion”—He had to give Adam and Eve their freedom.

E. If they wanted to yield their authority and power over earth to Satan, then technically it was their right to do so.

III. Due to God’s great love for mankind, Satan was allowed to become god of this world.

A. Instead of wiping us out and starting this whole thing over, God allowed what we did to stand.

B. We are the ones who enabled Lucifer to leave his position in heaven, come into a fallen state, and rule the earth as Satan—the god of this world.

C. Adam and Eve *made* Satan who he was by giving him their power and authority.

IV. The devil is not using a superior power and authority against us.

A. It’s our own power and authority that he uses against us.

B. On his own, Satan is powerless—he depends completely on physical human beings yielding to and empowering him.

C. It’s only as we submit to him that Satan is able to do anything.

V. The devil and his demons—as spirit beings—have no power or authority on this earth apart from physical human beings yielding it to them.

A. The only reason Satan exists and functions is because people cooperate with and empower him.

B. That's why he always seeks to inhabit a body.

C. Satan is a spirit (Eph. 2:2)—he doesn't have a physical body.

VI. It takes your cooperation for the devil to do anything in your life, which is why your actions are so important.

A. Your physical body is what gives you authority here on the earth.

B. Satan can't do anything without someone in an earthsuit yielding to him.

C. Every time you move away from what God's Word says and act in union with what the devil is trying to do, you yield authority to him.

D. Every time you quit believing and receiving God's supernatural power and ability, and sin instead, you empower the Enemy.

E. Satan can only function as he keeps people submitted to himself through lies and deception.

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## **Lesson 6 – Discipleship Questions**

1. Psalm 115:16 reveals that God has given the earth to whom?
2. How is Lucifer described in Isaiah 14:12-14?
3. According to 2 Corinthians 4:4, who has blinded the minds of unbelievers?
4. What has he blinded them from?
5. Who is the image of God?
6. According to Psalm 119:89, what is settled in heaven?
7. According to Malachi 3:6, does the Lord change?
8. Hebrews 1:3 says that Jesus is the brightness of His Father's glory and the \_\_\_\_\_ of His person?
9. What question did Jesus ask in Luke 8:30?
10. According to Genesis 1:26-28, God blessed man and woman and told them to be fruitful, to multiply, to replenish the earth, and to do what?
11. According to John 4:24, what is God?
12. How must we worship Him?
13. Ephesians 2:2 says that in time past (before we were born again) we walked how?
14. Who is the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience?

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## **Lesson 6 – Answer Key**

1. The children of men.
2. Fallen from heaven and cut down to the ground.
3. The god of this world.
4. The light of the glorious Gospel of Christ.
5. Christ.
6. God's Word.
7. No.
8. Express image.
9. What is thy name?
10. Subdue it.
11. A Spirit.
12. In spirit and in truth.
13. According to the course of this world.
14. The prince of the power of the air.