

# *The Power of Evil; The Greater Power of God*, August 1-4

## WHY LEARNING COMMUNITIES? *Circle Two Opportunity...*

To become better and better disciples of Christ TOGETHER so we can face **anything** through...

1. Deeper learning of Biblical truth
2. Stronger "iron sharpening iron" relationships

**Ephesians 4:12–16 (ESV)**

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4 Michael Heiser videos on YouTube - Search Michael S. Heiser Supernatural Seminar

## REMINDERS

**Great Commandment** is the filter, the paradigm, the rubric, the PURPOSE for everything we do,

**Ephesians 6:10–12 (ESV)** (pew Bible page 979)

Grasping the 3 Supernatural Rebellions is important because it is the context of following Christ and leads us to a living the bigger picture victory Jesus accomplished as we live Pentecosted.

Problem: if I am unaware, I won't address it... if I don't address it, it retains its power...  
if it retains its power, I remain under its control

BUT, when we understand the situation, address it, lean into Jesus' victory over it, then allow the Spirit to conquer it in us and through us, we will 1 live Abundant Lives of power, love and self-control, 2 Tim 1:7

2. live as pipelines of God's Presence in this dark world

## June 9 - Big Picture of the 3 supernatural rebellions in Genesis 1-11

- ➔ God's design is to love and partner with His created beings
- ➔ God's creation is a cosmic war - we are a part but not the focus
- ➔ 3 rebellions of combined human and supernatural beings
  1. Genesis 3, Eden – estrangement from God and others
  2. Genesis 6, Mt Hermon – proliferation of depravity
  3. Genesis 11, Babel – dividing of people groups
- ➔ Jesus' work reversed the rebellions - the enormity is beyond us
- ➔ We must pursue knowing and following God deeper and deeper to experience Jesus' victory

### Supernatural rebellion 1, Eden

Eden's sin caused ...

- ↓ enemies with God
- ↓ immortality lost, death & fear
- ↓ Broken relationships
- ↓ Painful life

### Supernatural reversal 1, The Cross

Jesus' death reversed

- † reconciliation with God
- † eternal life, death & fear conquered
- † ability to love by Spirit within
- † God's Presence, Heaven – no pain

## June 16 - Consequences of supernatural rebellion 1 – God's unfolding plan

REMINDER: We live in a cosmic war more enormous than we realize

- ➔ Cain's line – spread of Godless civilization away from God, Gen. 4
- ➔ Seth's line – people who began to call upon the Lord
- ➔ Genesis 3-5 - "basic" sins;

*Living in power from God's victory in the second rebellion*

**Genesis 6:1–9 (ESV)** (pew Bible page 5)

## 1. Supernatural rebellious beings attack God.

- ➔ cross from unseen to seen reality, vs 1-2
- ➔ produce non-image bearer offspring, vs 3-4
- ➔ introduce supernatural evil ways, vs 5-6
- ➔ leave mankind with deeper evil and perversity (throughout Bible and Jewish writings)
- ➔ God responds, vs 7-9

## 2. God protects and defeats.

➔ destroys non-image bearer offspring and cleanses the earth

**Genesis 6:17 (ESV)** (pew Bible page 5)

**2 Peter 2:4–5 (ESV)** <sup>4</sup>For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment; <sup>5</sup>if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;

**1 Peter 3:18–22 (ESV)** <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup>Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

➔ honors and protects the righteous

**Genesis 6:18 (ESV)**

Noah's "righteousness"

**Genesis 6:8–9 (ESV)** <sup>8</sup>But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. <sup>9</sup>These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God.

**Genesis 6:22 (ESV)** Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

**Genesis 7:5 (ESV)** And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him.

**Genesis 7:9 (ESV)** two and two, male and female, went into the ark with Noah, as God had commanded Noah.

**Genesis 7:15–16 (ESV)** <sup>15</sup>They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life.

<sup>16</sup>And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him. And the Lord shut him in.

➔ reinstates His original plan through Noah

**Genesis 9:7–9, 14–15 (ESV)** (pew Bible page 7)

## 3. Jesus reverses the rebellion for good.

† Jesus conquered the lethal enemies from the 2<sup>nd</sup> rebellion

**Colossians 2:8–15** (pew Bible page 984)

† Jesus cancelled mankind's slavery to sin

**Hebrews 2:14–15 (ESV)** <sup>14</sup>Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

† Jesus invites us to live as all-in, powerful, victorious followers

**1 John 4:4 (ESV)** Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

**Galatians 4:3–9 (ESV)** (pew Bible page 974)

*Takeaways...*