

## Part 6. Our Enemy

### Lesson 3: The Heavens – Understanding the Unseen Realm of Spiritual Conflict and Victory

#### Lesson Summary

The “**heavenlies**” (Greek *epouranios*) refer to the unseen spiritual realm described in Ephesians: where Christ is seated (Eph. 1:20), where believers are positioned with Him (Eph. 2:6), and where spiritual warfare occurs (Eph. 6:12). This realm is real though invisible, as seen when Elisha’s servant’s eyes were opened to angelic armies (2 Kgs. 6:17). Satan operates here with organized ranks—principalities, powers, rulers, and hosts of wickedness—though his defeat was secured at the cross (Col. 2:15). Scripture presents three heavens: the first (atmosphere, Gen. 1:6–8), the second (outer space and battleground of spiritual forces, Eph. 6:12), and the third (God’s dwelling place, 2 Cor. 12:2). Fallen angels include both unbound demons active on earth (Luke 8:30; 2 Cor. 4:4) and bound angels confined in Tartarus for grievous rebellion (2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6). Christ reigns supreme above all rule and power (Eph. 1:20–21), and believers share His authority. Though battles rage, Satan’s final judgment in the lake of fire is certain (Rev. 20:10). The call is to live with awareness, vigilance, and confidence in Christ’s victory.

#### Key Takeaways

- **Heavenlies defined:** Spiritual realm where Christ reigns, believers are seated, and warfare takes place (Eph. 1:20; 2:6; 6:12).
- **Satan’s domain:** Principalities, powers, rulers, hosts of wickedness—yet all defeated at the cross (Col. 2:15).
- **Three heavens:** First (sky, Gen. 1:6–8), second (space/spiritual battleground, Eph. 6:12), third (God’s throne, 2 Cor. 12:2).
- **Fallen angels:** Some bound in Tartarus (2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6), others active as demons under Satan’s command (Luke 8:30).
- **Christ’s authority:** Seated far above all rule and dominion, and we are seated with Him (Eph. 1:20–21; 2:6).
- **Final defeat:** Satan and his forces cast into the lake of fire forever (Rev. 20:10).
- **Application:** Spiritual battles are real but our position in Christ assures victory (Col. 3:1–2; 2 Cor. 10:5).

#### Questions & Answers

1. **Q:** What does “heavenlies” mean in the New Testament?  
**A:** The unseen spiritual realm where Christ reigns, believers are seated, and warfare occurs (Eph. 1:20; 2:6; 6:12).
2. **Q:** How does Scripture describe Satan’s organized forces?  
**A:** As principalities, powers, world rulers, and hosts of wickedness (Eph. 6:12).
3. **Q:** What are the “three heavens” described in Scripture?  
**A:** First = atmosphere (Gen. 1:6–8), second = outer space/spiritual battleground (Eph. 6:12), third = God’s throne (2 Cor. 12:2).
4. **Q:** What is Tartarus, and who is held there?  
**A:** A place of chains for certain fallen angels awaiting judgment (2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6).

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5. **Q:** What is the believer's position in the heavenlies?  
**A:** Seated with Christ, sharing in His authority and victory (Eph. 2:6).
6. **Q:** What is Satan's final destiny?  
**A:** To be cast into the lake of fire, eternally judged (Rev. 20:10).
7. **Q:** How should we live in light of the heavenlies?  
**A:** With vigilance, prayer, truth, and confidence in Christ's unshakable reign (Eph. 6:13–17; Col. 3:1–2).

**"The heavenlies are the battleground of spiritual conflict, yet also the place of victory—where Christ reigns and we are seated with Him in triumph."**