



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 Corinthians 4:4*

The enemy and his cohorts rule over 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. 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 and intent of the original text precisely unless we add other words to it. It's important to see what the NT writers were intending 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 has rulership over the darkness, not over the light! He is limited in space but also in time. He is called the god of this world (gk: age; period of time). 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 and the God of all Sufficiency and nourishment from “Shad” meaning breast in Hebrew) 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 and limited 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.

Since our Pantokrator rules over everything, we know that He is ultimately in control of the Coronavirus pandemic and NOT the kosmokrator.

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