

L82 | Ephesians | "The History of the Principalities and Powers in Heavenly Places" | Eph. 3:8-13

I. Intro/Review:

- Unsearchable Riches of Christ among the Gentiles
- Make All Men See the Fellowship of the Mystery
- The Church Making Known the Manifold Wisdom of God unto the Principalities and Power in the Heavenly Places

II. Preview:

- History of the Principalities and Powers in Heavenly Places
 1. Creation
 2. Fall
 3. Deception, Weakening, Darkness

III. Sermon:

**To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,
{Ephesians 3:10}**

- **"To the intent that now"**
 - Purpose clause - God has another intention "now"
 - With the unsearchable riches of Christ being preached and men seeing the fellowship of the mystery - this manifold wisdom of God is being known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places.
 - 1 Cor. 4
 - Beyond the fact of this - the history of things sets the stage for warfare and glory
- **History of the Principalities and Powers in Heavenly Places**
 - **Angels** - Romans 8:38; 1 Pet. 3:22
 - Principalities - "the beginning" (Matt. 19:4); "corners" (Acts 10:11); "first" (Acts 26:4)
 - Colossians 1:18 - "who is the beginning"
 - Not "at the beginning", not "from the beginning", not "since the beginning"
 - Jude 1:6 - "And the angels which kept not their first estate (principality), but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day."

1. Creation

- Eph. 3:9
- Heb. 1:7 - "...who maketh his angels spirits,"
- Colossians 1:16-17 - created all
- Rev. 10:6
- John 1:1-3
 - Col. 1:18
 - Pro. 8:12-31 (:22, 27 - "when He prepared the heavens, I was there)
- Hebrews 2:5 - angels and world subjected to them
- Lucifer - wast created - Eze. 28:11-13, 15

- Created during creation week
 - Job 38:7 - "When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?"
 - Job 38:4 - "Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth?"
 - Job 38:6 - "Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? Or who laid the corner stone thereof;"

2. Fall

- Devil, Lucifer, Satan
 - Isa. 14:12 - "fallen"
 - Eze. 28:15 - "thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee."
 - Eze. 28:17-18

- Angels - Matt. 25:41 - "...into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:" (Rev. 12:9)
 - Job 4:18 - "...and his angels he charged with folly"
 - Job. 15:15 - "...yea, the heavens are not clean in His sight."

- Gen. 6, 1 Pet. 3:18-22, 2 Pet. 2:4, Jude 1:6

3. Deception (the lie), Weakening, Darkness

- Why this?
- Ephesians
 - Eph. 3:9 - "to make all men see"
 - Eph. 6:10 - "be strong in the Lord"
 - Eph. 6:12 - "...rulers of the darkness of this world"
 - Eph. 4:17 - "walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, having the understanding darkened,"
 - Eph. 5:6-10
 - Eph. 2:1-3

- Revelation 12:9 - "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."
 - Isaiah 14:4 - Proverb
 - :12 - "...which didst weaken the nations!"

- Isaiah 25:7 - "And He will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations."
- Darkness - John 3:18-21 - "...and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil."
 - Don't want to be reproved
- All the nations are one - Gen. 11:1-6
 - Scattered with their abominations
 - Lev. 18:24, 26-27, 29 - "Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things..."
 - Deut. 4:6
 - Deut. 9:1 - cities great and fenced up to heaven
 - Deut. 9:4 - "but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD doth drive them out from before thee."
 - Deut. 12:2 - "Ye shall utterly destroy all the places, wherein the nations which ye shall possess served their gods, upon the high mountains, and upon the hills, and under every green tree:"
 - Deut. 12:30, 18:9, 14
 - Deut. 18:9, 12
 - Deut. 20:18, 29:17, 32:16
 - 1 Kings 14:24
 - 2 Kings 16:3, 21:2, 11, 23:24
 - Ezra 9:1, 11
 - Jer. 7:8-10, 13:27
 - Eze. 16:1-63
 - Rev. 17:4-5, 18:3-19 (cares of this life), 23
- Sorceries that entangle you
- Riches, merchants, and commerce
- Lewdness and sexual immorality
- Men love the darkness because they love these carnal, temporary, and sinful things
- By what God is doing with the church He is making known the manifold wisdom of God and this manifold wisdom is

**According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:
{Ephesians 3:11}**

- Ephesians 1 - the church make known Christ in us which is the provision to reconcile not only the earth, but the heavenly places

IV. Conclusion:

- The Devil and his angels
- The holy and elect angels
 - Judge angels
 - Subject the world to come to man