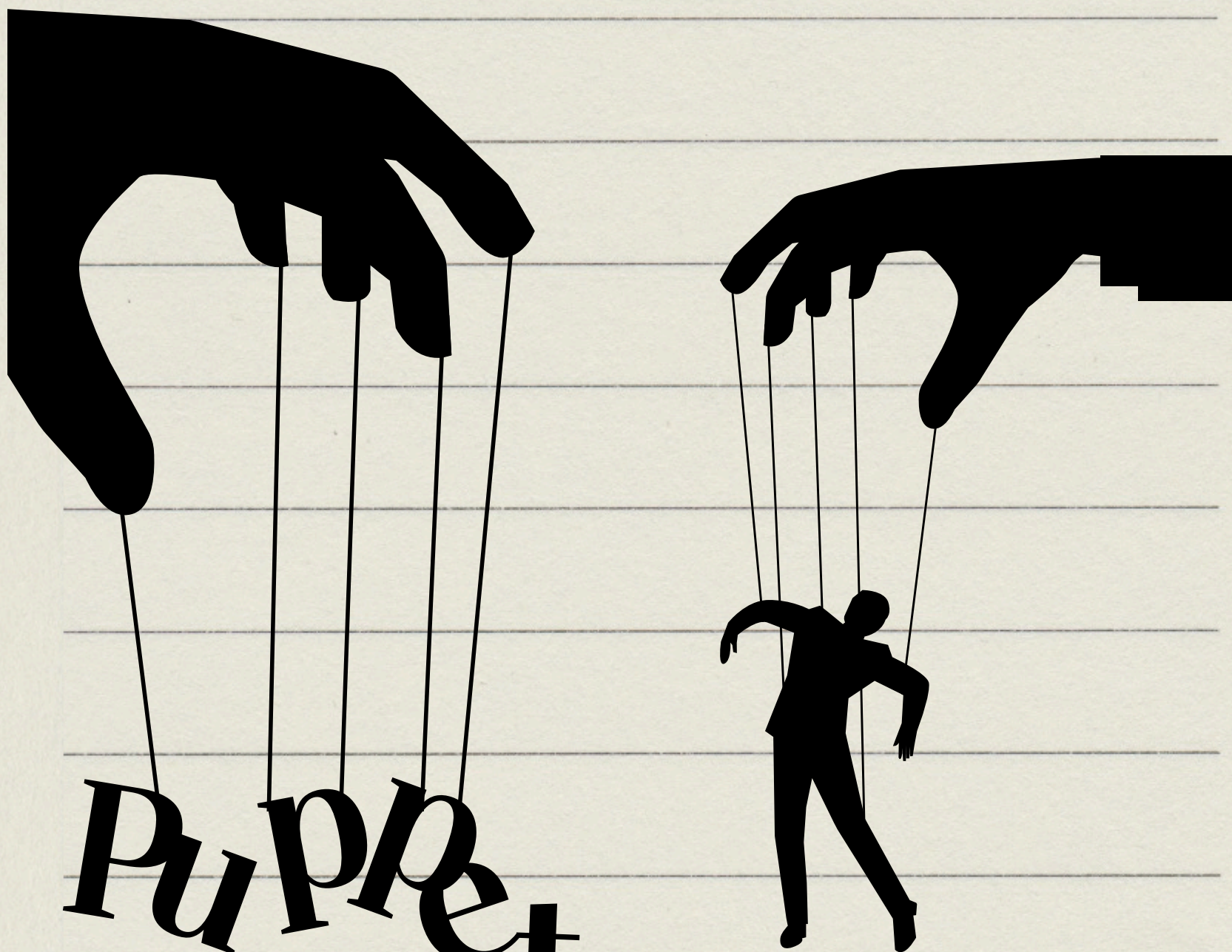


## Sunday Sermon Recap

PROPER EXPECTATIONS :




# Puppet Master

pt.3

*Spiritual Wickedness*



We are fighting something that is  
supernatural, that cannot be seen...



12 For our struggle is not against flesh and  
blood [contending only with physical  
opponents], **but** against the *rulers*, against the  
<sup>“Exousia”</sup> *powers*, against the *world forces of this*  
*[present] darkness*, against the spiritual forces  
of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural)  
places.

What does Paul mean by “**Powers**?”

This refers to high level demonic angels that  
are motivating, encouraging people and  
nations to act against Christ's plan

Ephesians 6: 12

# Power

## "Exousia" (ἐξουσία)

- One bearing Authority
- Transcendent rulers
  - *Transcendent* is theological term meaning something supernatural, exceeding the mortal plane
- Functionaries
  - roles designated to a specific capacity especially as a governmental service, official

satan has functionaries that  
have specific purposes to  
orchestrate things

Ex: the Police Badge and the authority it holds, represents thousands of people that back this specific organization

## "Dunamis" (δύναμις)

- Dynamic action
- Wonder working power, miraculous power, *the action*

Ex: the gun, stun-gun

“Exousia”

18 Jesus came up and said to them, “All authority  
(all power of absolute rule) in heaven and on  
earth has been given to Me. 19 Go therefore and  
make disciples of all the nations [help the people  
to learn of Me, believe in Me, and obey My  
words], baptizing them in the name of the **Father**  
→ **and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit**, 20 *teaching*  
them to observe everything that I have  
commanded you; and lo, I am with you always  
(NOT a suggestion)  
[remaining with you perpetually—regardless of  
circumstance, and on every occasion], even to the  
end of the age.”

we are able to resist sin  
because of HIM

Matthew 28: 18-20

Before this...man and woman  
were equal in authority

Now the **serpent** was more crafty (subtle, skilled in deceit) than any living creature of the field which the Lord God had made. And <sup>[a]</sup>the **serpent (Satan)** said to the woman, “Can it really be that God has said, ‘You shall not eat from <sup>[b]</sup>any tree of the garden’?” <sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees of the garden, <sup>3</sup> except the fruit from the tree which is in the middle of the garden. God said, ‘You shall not eat from it nor touch it, otherwise you will die.’” <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, “***You certainly will not die!***” <sup>5</sup> For God knows that on the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened [that is, you will have greater awareness], and you will be like God, **knowing** [the difference between] **good and evil.**” <sup>6</sup> And when the woman saw that the tree was <sup>1</sup>*good for food*, and that it was <sup>2</sup>*delightful to look at*, and a tree to be <sup>3</sup>*desired in order to make one wise and insightful*, she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband <sup>[c]</sup>with her, and he ate.

They gave place  
to the devil

## Genesis 3:1-6

***Adam gave away a level  
of dominion to satan  
after he and Eve sin***

28 You heard Me tell you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming back to you.’ If you [really] loved Me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going [back] to the Father, for [a]the Father is greater than I. 29 I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does take place, you may believe and have faith [in Me]. 30 I will not speak with you much longer, for the ruler of the world (Satan) is coming. And he has no claim on Me [no power over Me nor anything that he can use against Me];

Material, physical world

Likewise, satan has no hold over us anymore

## John 14:28-30

We as **believers** have spiritual authority to use and DO things in **JESUS' NAME**

3 But even if our gospel is [in some sense] hidden [behind a veil], it is

those dying,  
headed towards  
a spiritual death

hidden [only] to those who are  
perishing; 4 among them the god of

this world [Satan] has blinded the  
minds of the unbelieving to *prevent*  
them from seeing the illuminating  
*light of the gospel of the glory of*  
*Christ, who is the image of God.*

II Corinthians 4: 3-4

**Perishing** = it is **NOT**  
finalized..there is still hope for  
change



Jesus used the WORD OF  
GOD to fight against the  
devil's temptations

Luke 4: 6-7

## Jesus' response (vs 8)

- Jesus replied to him, “It is written and forever remains written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God and serve only Him.’”

WE need to know the WORD  
OF GOD

In times of trouble the  
Holy Spirit will bring back to  
your remembrance the WORD  
(John 14:26)

**BUT** if you **don't** spend time in the WORD  
there is nothing to RECALL

*What you take in, you will produce  
under pressure*



*What comes up when you are under pressure?*

JESUS  
6 And the **devil** said to Him, “I will  
give You all this realm and its glory  
[its power, its renown]; because it has  
been handed over to me, and I give it  
to whomever I wish. 7 Therefore if  
You worship before me, it will all be  
Yours.”

Luke 4: 6-7

*demons still have  
power...*


Which is **WHY** we still need the AUTHORITY and  
POWER that comes with JESUS CHRIST

*Saul (later Paul) encountering Jesus on the  
Damascus Road*

<sup>16</sup> Get up and stand on your feet. I have appeared to you  
for this purpose, to appoint you [to serve] as a **minister**  
and as a **witness** [to testify, with authority,] not only to  
the things which you have *seen*, but also to the things in  
which I will appear to you, <sup>17</sup> [choosing you for Myself  
and] rescuing you from the Jewish people **and** from the  
Gentiles, to whom I am sending you, <sup>18</sup> to open their  
[spiritual] eyes so that they may turn from darkness to  
light and from *the power of Satan* **to God**, that they may  
<sup>1</sup> receive forgiveness and <sup>2</sup> release from their sins and an  
<sup>3</sup> inheritance among those who have been sanctified (set  
apart, made holy) by faith in Me.'

Acts 26: 16-18

Let us be about our  
Father's business



Our job is *similar* to Paul's: to help people  
turn towards God (Matthew 28: 18-20)

***Have you encouraged anyone to  
change?***

*Are you living  
in a way that  
leads other's to Christ?*