

# The Spiritual Realm

State College Access Church

Spring 2023 Life Group

Week 4: The Divine Council and Evil Spiritual Powers

## Setting the Stage

**Sons of God and Nephilim (Gen 6:1-4; 2 Pet 2:4-5; Jude 6)**

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## Meeting the Players

**The Divine Council (Psa 82; 89:5-7; Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7; Psa 29:1)**

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**Examples of Elohim (Deut 32:17; Exod 20:1-3; Gen 1:26-28; 1 Kgs 22:19-23)**

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### What to know about the Divine Council

- The Divine Council is a real thing. All the Elohim (supernatural/celestial beings) are part of it.
- God (Yahweh/El) is the supreme leader of the Council. He makes decisions and judgments with no one's input. No one comes close to His power or Person.
- Other members of the Divine Council can help carry out Yahweh's plans and will.
- Members of the Divine Council worship God when He reveals His plans.

### Evil Spiritual Powers (Eph 1:20-23; 6:12; Col 1:16 [Eph 3:10])

<b>Ephesians 1:21</b>	<b>Ephesians 3:10</b>	<b>Ephesians 6:12</b>	<b>Colossians 1:16</b>
Rule (ἀρχῆς)	Rulers (ἀρχαῖς)	Rulers (ἀρχάς)	Rulers (ἀρχαί)
Authority (ἐξουσίας)	Authorities (ἐξουσίαις)	Authorities (ἐξουσίας)	Authorities (ἐξουσίαι)
<b>Power (δυνάμεως)</b>		<b>Cosmic Powers (κοσμοκράτορας)</b>	<b>Thrones (θρόνοι)</b>
Dominion (κυριότητος)		<b>Spiritual Forces of Evil (πνευματικὰ τῆς πονηρίας)</b>	Dominions (κυριότητες)

### Hierarchy and Ranking of Evil Spiritual Powers

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### What to know about evil spiritual powers

- Jesus is about these evil spiritual powers, and they submit to Him and His power (Ephesians 1:21; Hebrews 1:14).
- The hierarchy of evil spirits still has nothing on God's power.
- Whether there is a hierarchy of spirits does not matter to us. Greater is He who is in us than he who is in the world (1 John 4:4).
- We can stand against these evil spiritual powers and fight them in the spiritual realm because of Jesus in us (Ephesians 6:12).

### Application

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