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INTRODUCTION

1. Review - necessity of acquiring vocabulary.
2. *Sons of the Most High* - Ps 82:6 Jn 10:34-36 *you are gods* [elohim]: rulers.
3. Lk 6:35 *you shall be sons of the Most High*: we have positions of rule in Christ's government; authorized to perform our assigned tasks.

1st: Elohim - Sons of the Most High - Used of Human Authorities

1. Ambiguous use of *elohim* - Ps 82:1 God [elohim] among rulers [elohim]. Judge administer God's authority in God's name: v6 *elohim* = sons Most Hi
2. Sons of Most High are God's representatives: *rulers & gods* are the judges, civil leaders of Theocratic Israel.
3. Ex 21:5-6 *his master shall bring him to God* [*elohim* - Grk OT: *judgment seat of God*]: ruler who exercises God's authority: called *elohim*
4. Ex 22:8-9 *judges = elohim - gods*: administrators of God's rule
5. Ex 22:28 curse God (*elohim*) parallel w/ curse ruler [Heb "nasi"]. Curse God in 2 ways: directly, or indirectly thru His representative. (Act 23:2-5)
6. 1 Chron 29:23 enthroned Davidic King is identified w/ YHWH's authority
7. In what commandment are we trafficking? Vth commandment. Your father is your first & foundational "power & principality." Eph 6:1-4; Rm 13:1ff

2nd: Elohim - Sons of the Most High - Used of Angelic Authorities

1. Ps 82:6 *elohim* as angels - "powers" vocabulary [Col 1:16]. v6: *You* is plural - judges: human & angelic
 - i. v1 angelic council?
 - ii. *Lord of hosts* [Eloah]w/ heavenly angelic army [Isa 40:13-14]
2. 1Kgs 22:19-23 Micaiah sees Lord enthroned w/ host of heaven
 - i. spirits = angels [Hb 1:14]
 - ii. Behind & thru exercise of human authority are spiritual realities, angelic powers.
 - iii. True prophets commissioned in heavenly throne-room [Isa 6; Ezek 2; Rev 1] Jer 23:21-22 false prophets not stand in God's council.
3. Heavenly council - jurisdiction to administer God's gov't.
 - i. Created powers - Col 1:15-16
 - ii. Exercise *supernatural unnatural* power - spirit-beings who are in some sense *personal*] - deceptively [Satanic], ministerially [of Lord]
 - iii. "Imminent [near, close] transcendence" - worship creature [Rm 1:25]: "pagan", idolatry. Mistake "forces" for deities.
 - iv. When YHWH is seen in heavenly council, he is Creator, Most High who sustains creation in spite of *prince of the power of air* [Eph 2:2].
4. Have angelic beings been "allotted" jurisdictions? Dt 32:8-9.
 - i. Translation issues: *the number of the sons of Israel; of the sons of God; of the children of God; of the heavenly assembly*.
 - a. Grk OT: *the number of the angels of God*
 - b. Dead Sea Scrolls reads *sons of God* - some say are angels
 - ii. Similar to Rm 1 - God gave nations over to false gods & took Israel for His people, allotment, heritage.
 - iii. Dt 4:15-20 elaboration on IInd commandment: *allotted* [v19]
5. Dan 10 - Gabriel & Michael [princes of Israel] battle prince of Persia.

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6. Rv 2-3, each letter addressed to angel of the church - warfare seen from earthly vantage point [chpt 1-11] & heavenly vantage point [chpt 12-20].
7. Exercise of human authority entails angelic involvement: mysterious.
8. Ps 89:5-18 thick passage! v6; v7 - YHWH is supreme over angels, pagan deities. His justice [v14] - v20ff Davidic Cov -> rule of Messiah.

Applic #1: Understand the Nature of This Warfare

1. "Powers" are hard to define - invisible ways in wh/ moral judgment is formed & authority is exercised. "World-Life View".
2. Old Celtic prayer: "From -anities & -alities & -ologies & -isms, Good Lord deliver us." Eph 6:12

Applic #2: We Must Fight by Faith

1. Amazing: childlike faith & obedience is victorious - way of the Lamb.
2. Tempted to use other tactics - Ps 96:3-10a. *The Lord reigns*.
3. Battle plan: *love your enemies as sons of the Most High* - Eph 6:10-14a