

ABLE TO STAND

The Power of Agreement

PART 3



POWERS & PRINCIPALITIES

Paul's Spiritual Vocabulary



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1. “Heavenly places” (Grk. *epouranios*): identifies something as relating to heaven, where God dwells (Eph. 1:20)
2. Powers/Rulers (grk. *archōn*): Ruler, either human or supernatural (Acts 4:8; Eph. 2:2, 6:12)
3. Principalities/Authorities (Grk. *exousia*): This noun refers to the power or ability to do something, but can also describe the right to exercise authority or rule, the place or sphere where one exercises authority. (John 18:10; Eph. 6:12; Col.1:13)
4. Thrones (Grk. *Thronos*): Literal throne, entity (human or spiritual) who occupies the throne, symbols of power and authority associated with the rule of the one who sits on the throne, such as a scepter, crown, seal, etc. (Dan. 7:9, Col. 1:16, Rev. 4:4)
5. Dominions (Grk. *kyriotēs*): Either human lordship or a class of supernatural being (Col. 1:16, 2 Pet. 2:10, Eph. 1:21)
6. Elemental Spirits/Principles (Grk. *stoicheion*): any of the substances that constitute the most basic components of the material universe; a created, supernatural being understood according to its early (more basic) formation in the universe. (Col. 2:8, 20; Gal. 4:9)
7. Power (Grk. *dynamis*): Literally, it describes the ability to perform an activity; by extension, it refers to someone in a position of power or the force of a person's action (Eph. 1:21, Luke 9:1). Sometimes translated as “miracles” (Matt. 13:54, Acts 8:14).
8. Name (Grk. *Onoma*): A metonym in which the part ("name") stands for the whole (the person), usually a person or power of celebrity or rank.

“Because all things in the heavens and on the earth were created by him, things visible and things invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers, all things were created through him and for him.”

Col 1:16 (LEB)

THE LANGUAGE OF POWER IN THE NEW TESTAMENT*

1. The language of power pervades the whole New Testament.
2. The language of power in the New Testament is **imprecise, liquid, interchangeable, and unsystematic.**
3. Because these terms are to a degree **interchangeable**, one or a pair or a series can be made to represent them all.
4. These Powers are both **heavenly and earthly, divine and human, spiritual and political, invisible and structural.**
5. These Powers are also both **good and evil.**

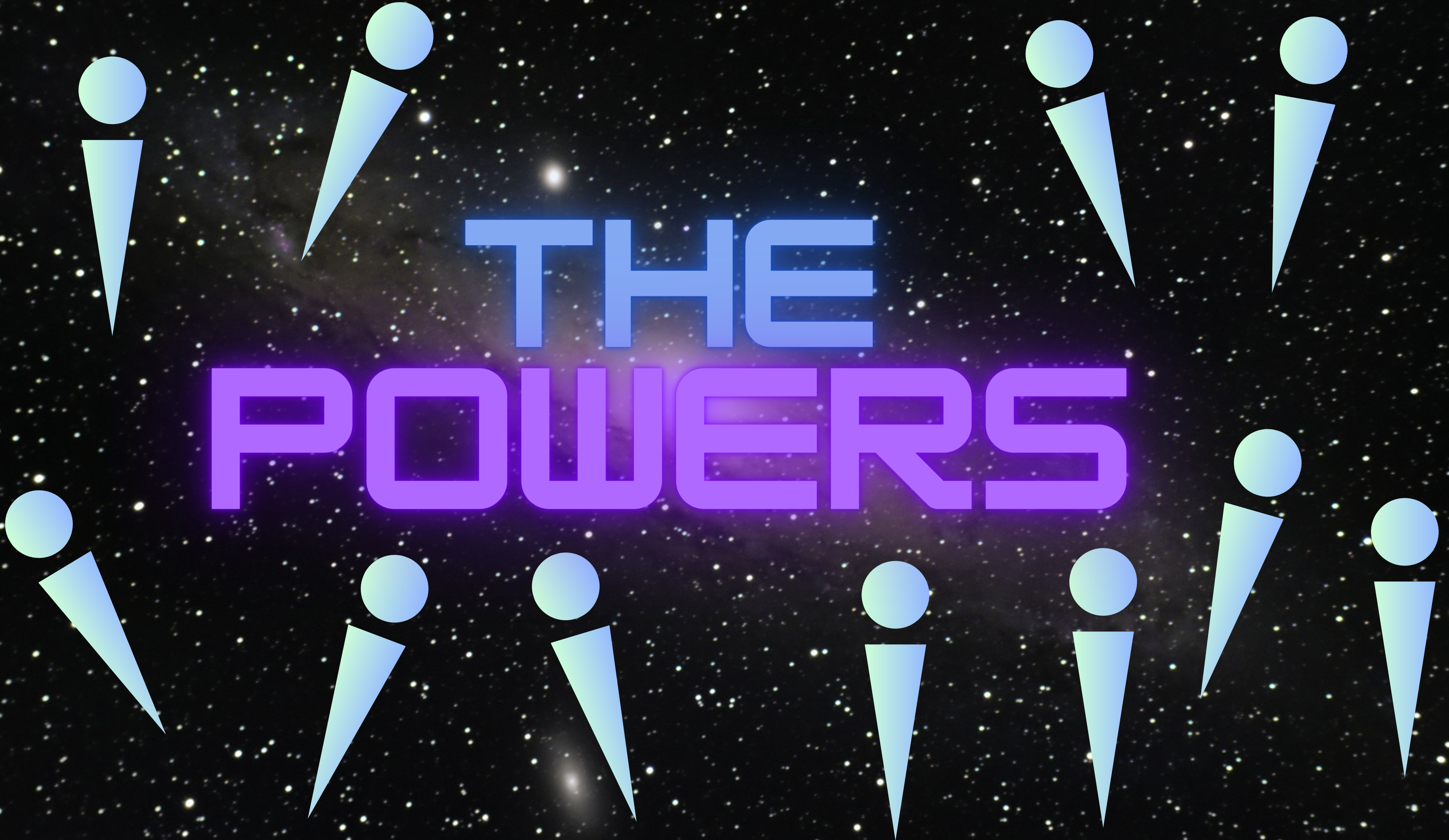
*Walter Wink. Naming the Powers: The Language of Power in the New Testament (The Powers : Volume One) (Kindle Location 192). Kindle Edition.

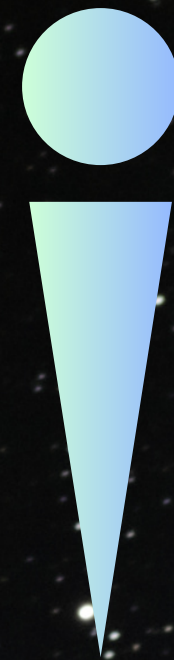
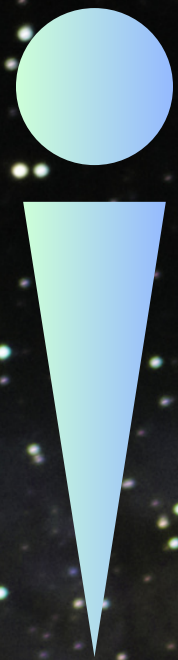
“Powers and Principalities” are used as a catch-all term for all different types of authorities, including human rulers, institutional powers (ex. the court, a principate), and the cosmic spiritual beings working through earthly powers.

AGREEMENT AND THE POWERS



THE POWERS

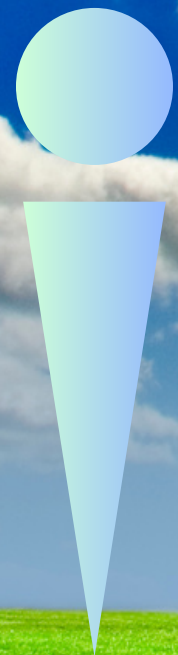




IN THE HEAVENS

POWERS ARE JUST THAT -- POWER!

BUT THEY HAVE INTELLIGENCE AND WILL



**WAITING TO BE
ACTIVATED BY THE
POWER OF AGREEMENT**



IN THE EARTH



**AGREEMENT IS
LIKE A MAGNET
THAT
ATTRACTS THE
POWERS AND
THE "GLUE"
THAT HOLDS
THEM IN
PLACE.**



THE MELLINIUM BRIDGE

POWER OF AGREEMENT



Just as agreement between heaven and earth empowers the execution of God's will on earth, agreement between evil forces and their earthly agents empowers the enemy's plans to be executed on earth.

What is Agreement?

- Definition: Being of one mind with others, whether for good or evil purposes. Agreement among believers is commended as a means of enhancing unity and peace and building up the people of God. Also: Like-Minded
- Hebrew: (yă·ḥăḏ): Together, wholly, in unity, with each other, i.e., pertaining to being whole and in a state of oneness (Ps 133:1), note: often a strengthened position.
- Being in one accord means having a common purpose and setting aside personal views for a greater goal.

The Hebrew Meaning of the Number 10

Provides Insight into the Power of Agreement [1]

- Divine order, completed cycle, measure, or group (congregation) whether for good or evil, blessing or judgment. A tenth part represents the whole in a tithe. Thus, ten represents a complete congregation, body, or kingdom, whether good or evil.
- The orig. meaning of this base prob. was 'gathering, collection, union'. [2]
- There were 10 of 12 spies that gave a bad report to Israel, costing them forty more years (4 x 10) in the wilderness.
- Ten Days of Awe between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Agreement in the Bible for Evil Purposes

“Then Yahweh came down to see the city and the tower that [humankind] was building. 6 And Yahweh said, “Behold, [they are one people with one language], and [this is only the beginning of what they will do]. So now nothing that they intend to do will be impossible for them.” (Gen. 11:5-8, AMP)

God CONFUSES their language and SCATTERS them.

He does this to break the power of their agreement.

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Agreement in the Bible for Righteous Purposes

“And Jesus approached and* spoke to them, saying, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore, go* and* make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you, and behold, I am with you all the days until the end of the age.” (Mt 28:18–20)

“And while he* was with them,* he commanded them, “Do not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for what was promised by the Father, which you heard about from me. 5 For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit [not many days from now].” ... 8 But you will receive power when* the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the farthest part of the earth.” (Ac 1:4–8.)

“Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. 13 And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, ... 14 All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.” (Ac 1:12–14).

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Ac 2:1–4)

REVERSING BABEL

BABEL

PENTECOST



“Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

Matthew 18:18-20 ESV

SATAN'S STRATEGY. AT ALL TIMES AND
ON EVERY LEVEL. IS TO PREVENT. DISRUPT.
AND/OR DESTROY EVERY OPPORTUNITY
FOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN BELIEVERS
BECAUSE THE POWER ON EARTH COMES
THROUGH AGREEMENT!