

## Who is the Ruler of this world, God or Satan?

Who is in control of the world? Is it God or Satan? Jesus Christ said: "**ALL power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.**" Matthew 28:18. The Lord's prayer in Matthew 6:13 ends with: "For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever, Amen." This phrase is in brackets in the NASB and removed in the NIV, RSV and ESV. Jesus either said it or he didn't; they can't all be right. See "The Lord's Prayer - Is your Bible a Catholic bible?" for more information about this verse.

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In Ephesians 1:20-22 it is said of Christ that God "raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come; **and hath put all things under his feet.**" Daniel 4:17, 25, 26 tell us three times that "**the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.**" 2 Chronicles 20:6 affirms: "O LORD God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? **and rulest not thou over all kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee?**"

"For the kingdom is the LORD'S; and **he is the governor among the nations.**"

Psalm 22:28

"Remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me. Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure. Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it." Isaiah 46:9-11

God is the sovereign ruler and controller of this world, as well as the entire universe. "The earth is the LORD's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." Psalm 24:1 "for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof."

Psalm 50:12. "He ruleth by his power forever." Psalm 66:7 There is only one King, and Satan is not the king, the controller, or the ruler of this world - at least according to the true Holy Bible - the King James Bible of 1611 - which is pure in all its precepts and true in all its doctrines. However such is not the case with a multitude of inferior bible versions on the market today.

Satan is a liar from the beginning. In Luke 4:6, when the devil tempted the Lord Jesus Christ in the wilderness, Satan told Jesus that all the kingdoms of the world were his and that he gave them to whomsoever he would. He lied. He is a liar and the father of it - John 8:44. Satan's statement directly contradicts Daniel 4:17 which

says "the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever He will."

Adam Clarke makes these comments regarding the boastful statement of Satan: "Satan, it is true, has said that the kingdoms of the world and their glory are his, and that he gives them to whomsoever he will; Matthew 4:8,9. **But has God ever said so? and are we to take this assertion of the boasting devil and father of lies for truth? Certainly not.**"

Coffman Commentaries on the Old and New Testaments - 2 Corinthians 4:4 - "Satan is not a god properly, but is merely one in reference to those who have sinfully made him such." Many believe, as did Lipscomb, that the sin of Adam "transferred the allegiance and rule of the world from God to the devil"; but the conviction here is that all of Satan's authority is usurped, that only what God permits is he able to do; and as for the notion that Satan in any meaningful sense rules the world, Nebuchadnezzar had to eat grass for seven years in order to learn that "The most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will" (Daniel 4:25). **This means that Satan's promise to give Christ the rulership of the world in return for falling down and worshiping the devil (Matthew 4:4) was an unqualified falsehood.**"

Likewise John Wesley comments on Luke 4:6 where Satan tells the Lord Jesus that all the kingdoms of the world had been given to him - "I give it to whomsoever I will - **Not so, Satan. It is God, not thou, that putteth down one, and setteth up another**: although sometimes Satan, by God's permission, may occasion great revolutions in the world."

John Calvin remarks on this section of Scripture: "**Here the daring insolence of the devil is manifested, in robbing God of the government of the world, and claiming it for himself.** *All these things, says he, are mine,* and it is only through me that they are obtained... **A considerable portion of mankind disbelieve the power and authority of God over the world**"

But the NIV, NAS, ESV, NKJV and the newer Catholic versions have bought Satan's lie and are passing it off onto God's children.

All Greek texts read the same in 1 John 5:19, so it is not a textual variation, but a simple matter of sound and consistent doctrine as opposed to a lie. The Greek texts read: "Οἶδαμεν ὅτι ἐκ τοῦ θεοῦ ἐσμὲν, καὶ ὁ κόσμος ὅλος ἐν τῷ πονηρῷ κεῖται." In I John 5:19 the King James Bible along with the Tyndale 1525, the Bishops Bible 1568, the Geneva Bible 1599, Young's, -"and the whole world in the evil doth lie.", Lamsa's translation of the Peshitta, Webster's 1833 translation, the Douay-Rheims 1582 - "We know that we are of God and the whole world is seated

in wickedness.", the KJV 21st Century version, Green's literal translation and Green's Modern KJV 2000, the Knox Bible of 2012 - "though the whole world about us lies in the power of evil.", and the Third Millennium Bible all say: "And we know that we are of God, and THE WHOLE WORLD LIETH IN WICKEDNESS."

Wycliffe's Bible says: " We witen, that we ben of God, and al the world is set in yuel." Or the modernized version would be: "We know that we be of God and all the world is set in evil."

Miles Coverdale's 1535 translation says: "We know that we are of God, and the whole world is set altogether in wickedness."

The Great Bible 1540 and Matthew's Bible 1549 both read like Wycliffe and Coverdale translations and reveal the same truth found in the King James Bible saying: "We knowe, that we are of God, and the worlde is all together set on wyckednes."

Foreign language Bibles that agree with the meaning found in the King James Bible are Luther's German Bible 1545 - "Wir wissen, daß wir von Gott sind; und die ganze Welt liegt im Argen." = "We know that we are of God; and the whole world is wrong.", the German Schlachter Bible of 2000 - "und dass die ganze Welt sich im Bösen befindet." = "and that the whole world is evil.", the French Martin 1744 and French Ostervald 1996 and the Louis Segond of 2007 - "et que le monde entier est plongé dans le mal." = "and that the world is plunged into evil.", the Spanish Sagradas Escrituras of 1569, the Spanish Reina Valera of 1858, 1909 and the Reina Valera Gómez Bible of 2010 - "Sabemos que somos de Dios, y el mundo entero yace en maldad." = "the whole world lies in wickedness", the Romanian Cornilescu Bible - "și că toată lumea zace în cel rău." = "and that whole world lieth in wickedness.", the Hungarian Karoli Bible - "és az egész világ a gonoszságban vesztegel." = "and the whole world lies in wickedness", and the Russian Synodal Version - "что мы от Бога и что весь мир лежит во зле." = "We are from God and the whole world lies in wickedness."

Many commentators who are usually sound in their doctrine become very confused in their thinking when they try to explain this passage, yet the meaning as it stands in the true Holy Bible is quite clear. We live in a fallen world; it lies in sin and wickedness, just as the text says. But God is still in control and ruling over all His creation. "He worketh all things after the counsel of his own will" Ephesians 1:11. Even though it may appear that wickedness is winning, the eye of faith sees his sovereignty and rejoices in this confidence.

However, believe it or not, many new versions pervert the truth of God's sovereign rule and would have us believe that Satan is the ruler of this world and is in control. In fact, they come right out and say it in these exact words.

The NIV says: "The whole world is UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE EVIL

ONE."

Before you rush to your school boy Greek to defend this obvious lie, check out any of your own preferred bible versions and notice how they frequently translate nouns that have the definite article. See for instance Romans 12:9 in the NIV, NKJV, NASB, or the NASB in Matthew 5:37 and 6:13.

NASB "the whole world lies in the power of the evil one."

Today's English Version "the whole world is under the rule of the Evil One."

Contemporary English Versions - "the rest of the world is under the power of the devil. "

ESV (English Standard Version) "the whole world lies in the power of the evil one."

Living Bible 1981 "the world around us is under Satan's power and control."

ISV (International Standard Version) "the whole world lies under the control of the evil one."

The Catholic versions are in their usual disarray. The older Douay-Rheims of 1582 reads like the King James Bible - " "We know that we are of God and **the whole world is seated in wickedness.**" But the St. Joseph New American bible 1970 and the New Jerusalem bible of 1985 teach the same lie found in the NIV, NASB, ESV saying: "and the whole world is in the power of the Evil One."

However now the latest Catholic Public Domain Version of 2009 has gone back to the meaning found in the KJB, reading: "We know that we are of God, and that **the entire world is established in wickedness.**"

The NKJV, and the Holman Christian Standard Bible try to strike a medium with : "the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one" but the NKJV as well as the RSV, NASB, Holman Standard and the ESV are also wrong when three times they refer to Satan as the "ruler of this world" in John 12:31; 14:30, and 16:11.

**Satan is NOT the ruler of this world!** He is the spiritual "prince of this world", as the KJB 1611, Revised Version 1885, ASV 1901, Wycliffe 1395, Coverdale 1535, the Great Bible (Cranmer) 1540, the Bishops's bible 1568, the Geneva bible 1560 - 1602, Wesley's translation 1755, Whiston's Primitive New Testament 1745, Worsley Version 1770, Noyes Translation 1869, Lamsa's translation of the Syriac 1936, Douay 1950, and even the NIV correctly say, but there are also other spiritual "princes" or beings working among the nations, and all of them are under the control of God and not Satan. Remember, the Lord Jesus Christ is set "far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come; and hath put all things under his feet." Ephesians 1:22.

Daniel chapter 10 reveals that there are spiritual "princes" of Persia and of Grecia, and the angel Michael is one of the chief princes of the nation of Israel. These are members of the spiritual principalities and powers in the heavenly places, Satan

being the "prince of the power of the air" Ephesians 2:2, but he is not, as the NKJV and the NASB teach, the RULER of this world.

I have asked people who use the NIV or any of these modern versions a simple question. Who is in control of this world, God or Satan? They almost always say: "Well, of course, God is in control." Then I show them what the NIV, NASB, and NKJV say in 1 John 5:19, or in John 12:31; 14:30 and 16:11. Usually they are a bit shocked and begin to doubt the reliability of these versions (as well they should). But unfortunately what I have most often found to be the case is that after a short while they then try to defend this obvious error by a series of silly explanations. It is a very simple question. Does the King James Bible teach that Satan is the ruler of this world, and that the whole world is under the control of the Evil One?

Answer: NO

Do the NKJV, NASB, NIV, ESV teach that Satan is the ruler of this world and that the whole world is under his control? Answer: YES.

The King James Bible is ALWAYS right.

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