

Testament by no less than twenty-four names, every one of which implies a distinct personality. More than once is he called by our Lord, "the prince of this world." Paul call him "the God of this world," and also in this epistle "the prince of the powers of the air," (2:2).

Under the leadership of this mighty prince, are "the principalities, the powers, the world rulers of this darkness, the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places." These are the myriads of fallen angels and demons who infest the air of this world, and have much to do with its affairs. In this material age it is customary to ignore these mighty agencies, or deny their existence altogether. But the Scriptures plainly teach that there exists all about us in the sphere of the unseen world, a host of beings as real and personal as the men and women with whom we associate. Among these are the "principalities and powers," the same as among the angels of God. It is probable that these titles belonged to them in heaven before their fall, and when they were cast out with Satan their prince and leader, they retained their ranks and are still referred to by these titles.

With these are associated a lower class of wicked spirits called in the Scriptures "demons," wrongly translated "devils" in the old version. These are especially active in the affairs of men. They seek incarnation in the bodies of men and women, and often take possession of their persons and faculties, and speak with their voices, and in other ways communicate through them with human beings. Jesus recognized them, and addressed them directly, and commanded them to come out of those whom they possessed. He also gave His disciples authority to do the same. The manifestations of demon-