

The Rulers of The Darkness of This World!

*KJV Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against **the rulers of the darkness of this world**, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

Darkness is “*skotos*” in Greek and means “*blindness, ignorance and obscurity that leads to unrighteousness and ungodliness.*”

The Rulers of The Darkness of this world are lords and princes that control ignorance, blindness and ungodliness over regions.

KJV John 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

Jesus says people **love** (agapao) meaning having a strong desire, to entertain, welcome and be happy with **darkness**.

Desiring to remain ignorant purposely ignoring truth that leads to righteousness, and godliness!

Again, there are **high ranking spirits** in this world who control the ignorance, blindness and ungodliness over regions.

They seek to keep nations, countries and regions ignorant of The Truth by controlling the information and revelation of God in those places.

They possess a great deal of power and use it to sway people opinions and control their minds.

They are in control of powerful media empires that flood the world with darkness through radio, television, movies, the internet, books, tapes, CD's and any form of communication that keeps people blind and ignorant of The Truth!

Johnson Publishing Company just filed Chapter 7 bankruptcy, this is a sad day for many people especially African Americans.

For over **70** years it would be nearly impossible to enter a Black family's home and **not see an Ebony or and a Jet** magazine on the table.

Johnson Publishing along with **Soul Train** gave positive and varying healthy **imagines** of Black people on a regular basis!

It fought back some of the **spiritual darkness** that prevailed in the African American community in this country!

When people **live in darkness**, they can't see themselves or much anything correctly!

When a people can't see themselves they have no idea what **image** they bear and who they are!

They don't know what they **should** look like, who they look like, what needs fixing, improving or changing so they remain in the dark unchanged, unchallenged and continue in the same condition.

Men don't know if they should look like Lil Nas or Lebron James and women don't know if they should look like Beyoncé or Tiffany Hadish!

KJV Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:

All mankind bears the image of their Creator God!

What does God look like?

For centuries Black people have grown up in a country that depicts Jesus as white, God as white, the apostles as white and most every important historical figure as white.

We have not seen **enough** powerful, positive **images** of ourselves throughout the history of America.

As we have remained in the country, we grew up with **images** white teachers, white doctors, white attorneys, judges and most every key position.

This has made a powerful **impression** on many Black people, making it easier for them to trust white people more than their own people and follow white leadership quicker than their own leaders.

The point is, who's behind it all!

Because history plainly tells us those in power make the rules!

They tear down the old culture, remove their landmarks and change history to shine the better light on their accomplishments and their leaders.

This is what is known as spiritual wickedness in high places!

Wickedness means twistedness and twisting things!

- These **high-ranking spirits** **twist** the truth of history, keeping man in the **dark** so they don't know who the real enemy is!

ESV Psalm 82:1 A Psalm of Asaph. *God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:*

2 "How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked? Selah

3 Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.

4 Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

5 They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 I said, "You are gods, sons of the Most High, all of you;

7 nevertheless, like men you shall die, and fall like any prince."

It is the sons of God, the fallen rebellious **princes** who were to teach man God ways, but instead became gods' rulers and princes.

Causing hatred and division between the generations that grow up and discover the lies told by previous generations (**and blame them**) to keep them in bondage and subjection to the systems of this world!

Not understanding it's not their parents or grandparents, it's **spiritual warfare** in the **supernatural realm**!

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So, we have many of the younger generations who don't believe the Bible, don't trust leadership from any organization: from banking, government, religion and especially education.

Science and technology has become the god of this age, because they see scientific data is empirical!

Empirical means proven to be true by observation over time!

This generation hasn't seen or paid attention to much empirical faith!

They've seen allot of religion, pretending and politicking, and not enough faithful believers getting victory in their lives time and time again over a long period of time!

And the god of this world is **blinding** them, keeping them in **darkness**!

KJV 2 Corinthians 4:3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

They can't see their **true image** because they haven't seen much of the **image of Christ** in those who profess Him!

NIV James 1:23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror

24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.