Greater is He

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The world is held captive by sin and under the power of the evil one, Satan.

1 John 5:19 - 19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. NAS

John 14:30- 30 I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me, NIV

Eph 2:1-4 - 2:1 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. 3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. NIV

Death and sin reign in the world until the day when God will put it to and end by His mighty power. Death is an enemy that God wil put unde His feet, when He is good and ready. Men are held captive by sin, and are under the power of the evil one.

Satan was <u>created by God</u> to accomplish God's purposes. God rules over His enemies.

1 John 4:4 - 4 You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world. NAS

Isa 54:16-17 - 6 "See, it is I who created the blacksmith who fans the coals into flame and forges a weapon fit for its work. And it is I who have created the destroyer to work havoc; 17 no weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and this is their vindication from me," declares the LORD. **Prov 16:4** - 4 The LORD has made everything for its own purpose, Even the wicked for the day of evil. NAS

Job 12:9-23 - Which of all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this? 10 In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind. 11 Does not the ear test words as the tongue tastes food? 12 Is not wisdom found among the aged? Does not long life bring understanding? 13 "To God belong wisdom and power; counsel and understanding are his. 14 What he tears down cannot be rebuilt; the man he imprisons cannot be released. 15 If he holds back the waters, there is drought; if he lets them loose, they devastate the land. 16 To him belong strength and victory; both deceived and deceiver are his. 17 He leads counselors away stripped and makes fools of judges. 18 He takes off the shackles put on by kings and ties a loincloth around their waist. 19 He leads priests away stripped and overthrows men long established. 20 He silences the lips of trusted advisers and takes away the discernment of elders. 21 He pours contempt on nobles and disarms the mighty. 22 He reveals the deep things of darkness and brings deep shadows into the light. 23 He makes nations great, and destroys them; he enlarges nations, and disperses them. NIV

God is Sovereign over the earth. He is the Great King. None shall prosper unless He has decreed it. His is the Divine Providence. Nothing shall or ever will happen unless the Lord has allowed it.

Lam 3:37-41 - 37 Who can speak and have it happen if the Lord has not decreed it? 38 Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that both calamities and good things come? 39 Why should any living man complain when punished for his sins? 40 Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the LORD. 41 Let us lift up our hearts and our hands to God in heaven, NIV

My dear friends, know this day that God is in Heaven and he rules over the earth with a mighty hand. And He is your Father, and you are His beloved children, if you have found rest in the Lord Jesus. He is mindful of your life, and He will look upon you with favor.

In Jesus Christ, we have an exceeding great victory and freedom from the power of evil.

John 16:33 - 33 "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world." NAS

Rom 8:35-39 - 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 Just as it is written, "For Thy sake we are being put to death all day long; We were considered as sheep to be slaughtered." 37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

There shall be nothing to keep us from the power of our mighty God and Father who is in Heaven. His is the Divine Providence. In Him we shall have victory over sin and death. Indeed He has given us eternal life, and we shall live forever and ever, world without end.

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Friend, you have the power to overcome anger. You have power to overcome jealousy and discord. You have the power to love as Jesus loves, and to be kind to your neighbor. You have the power to forgive, even the greatest wrong against you. You have power that the strongest chains that may bind you, can fall to the ground in Jesus name. We have simply to surrender to Him as Lord over our life, and put Him first. Indeed the great commandment is to love the Lord your God with all your heart and mind and soul. Won't you have His victory today.

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And when this life is over, we shall lay our heads down beside our master, in Hid green pasture we shall find rest for our souls, forever and ever. We shall no more be weary and heavy laiden, but we shall rest beside the river of the water of life, and at the blessed feet of our God. And none shall harm on all my holy mountain says the Lord.

Rev 21:3-4 - They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." NIV