





## Ephesians 6:10-12

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

<sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.





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## Psalms 89:5

- <sup>5</sup> The heavens praise your wonders, LORD,  
your faithfulness too, in the **assembly of the holy ones**.
- <sup>6</sup> For who in the skies above can compare with the LORD?  
Who is like the LORD among  
the heavenly beings (*bēnê 'ēlîm* lit. "sons of God")?
- <sup>7</sup> In the **council of the holy ones** God is greatly feared;  
he is more awesome than all who surround him.



## Job 1:6

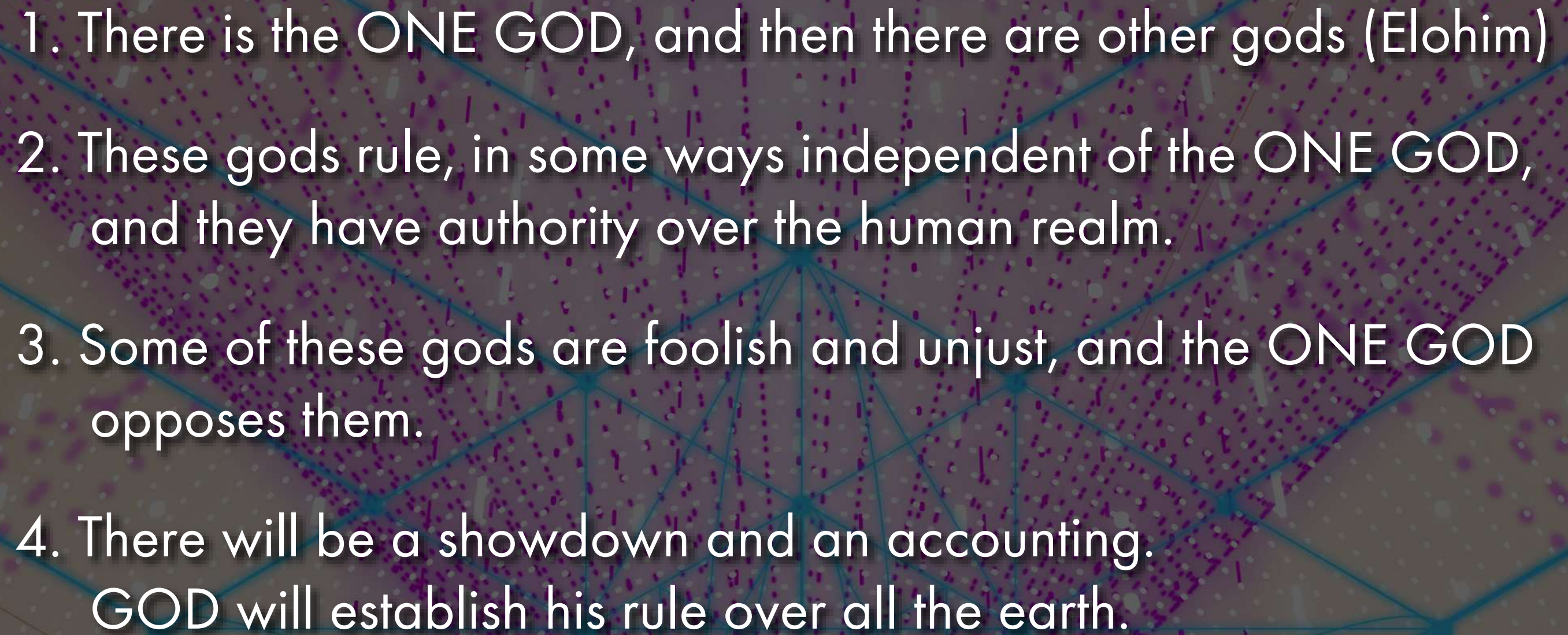
<sup>6</sup> Now there was a day when the **sons of God** (*b<sup>e</sup>nê hā'ēlōhîm*) came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.



## John 10:34-36

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your Law, 'I have said you are "gods" ' ? <sup>35</sup> If he called them 'gods,' to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be set aside— <sup>36</sup> what about the one whom the Father set apart as his very own and sent into the world? Why then do you accuse me of blasphemy because I said, 'I am God's Son' ?



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1. There is the ONE GOD, and then there are other gods (Elohim)
  2. These gods rule, in some ways independent of the ONE GOD, and they have authority over the human realm.
  3. Some of these gods are foolish and unjust, and the ONE GOD opposes them.
  4. There will be a showdown and an accounting.  
GOD will establish his rule over all the earth.





**One God? – May 6**

**Angels – May 13**

**Satan – May 20**

**Heaven – May 27**

**Spiritual Warfare – June 3**

**Hell – June 10**

**Jesus – June 17**



## Psalm 82:1

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he renders judgment (*šāpāt*) among the gods (*'ēlōhîm*)



## Deuteronomy 6:4

<sup>4</sup> Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.



## Isaiah 45:6

<sup>6</sup> so that from the rising of the sun  
to the place of its setting  
people may know there is none besides me.  
I am the LORD, and there is no other.



## Isaiah 45:21-22

21 Declare what is to be, present it—  
let them take counsel together.

Who foretold this long ago,  
who declared it from the distant past?

Was it not I, the LORD?

And there is no God (*'ēlōhîm*) apart from me,  
a righteous God (*'ēl*) and a Savior;  
there is none but me.

22 "Turn to me and be saved,  
all you ends of the earth;  
for I am God (*'ēl*), and there is no other.



## Isaiah 46:9

<sup>9</sup> Remember the former things, those of long ago;  
I am God (*'ēl*), and there is no other;  
I am God (*'ēlōhîm*), and there is none like me.



## Zephaniah 2:15

<sup>15</sup> This is the city of revelry  
that lived in safety.  
She said to herself,  
“I am the one! And there is none besides me.”

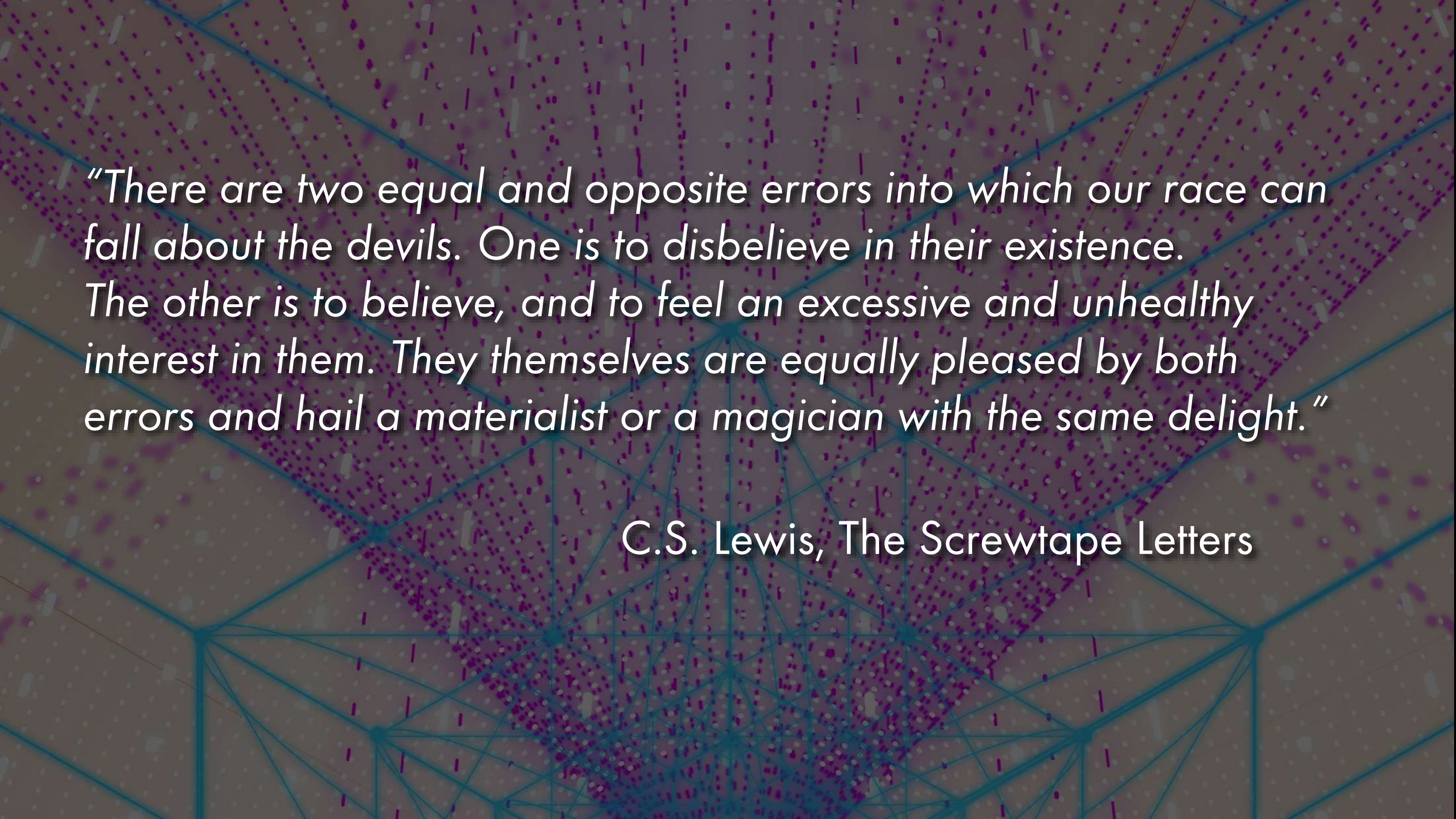


**Ps 86: 8** Among the gods ( *'ēlōhîm*) there is none like you, Lord;  
no deeds can compare with yours.

**Deut 3:24b** For what god ( *'ēl*) is there in heaven or on earth who  
can do the deeds and mighty works you do?

**Ps 97:9** For you, LORD, are the Most High over all the earth;  
you are exalted far above all gods ( *'ēlōhîm*).





*"There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight."*

C.S. Lewis, *The Screwtape Letters*





文財神  
god of wealth  
(governor)

灶神  
god of the kitchen

月下老人  
god of match-  
making and  
romance



武財神  
god of wealth (general)





## **Psalms 29:1-2**

- <sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- <sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.



## Psalm 82:8

<sup>8</sup> Rise up, O God, judge the earth,  
for all the nations are your inheritance.



Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name,  
Your kingdom come, Your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.

For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.