

Ephesians 1:3 -

ESV – “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,”

NIV – “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.”

2128 [e]	3588 [e]	2316 [e]	2532 [e]	3962 [e]	3588 [e]	2962 [e]	1473 [e]	2424 [e]	5547 [e]	3588 [e]	2127 [e]	1473 [e]	1722 [e]
Eulogētos	ho	Theos	kai	Patēr	tou	Kyriou	hēmōn	Iēsou	Christou	ho	eulogēsas	hēmas	en
3 Εὐλογητὸς	ὁ	Θεὸς	καὶ	Πατὴρ	τοῦ	Κυρίου	ἡμῶν	, Ἰησοῦ	Χριστοῦ	, ὁ	εὐλογήσας	ἡμᾶς	ἐν
Blessed [be]	the	God	and	Father	of the	Lord	of us	Jesus	Christ	the [One]	having blessed	us	with
Adj-NMS	Art-NMS	N-NMS	Conj	N-NMS	Art-GMS	N-GMS	PPro-G1P	N-GMS	N-GMS	Art-NMS	V-APA-NMS	PPro-A1P	Prep

3956 [e]	2129 [e]	4152 [e]	1722 [e]	3588 [e]	2032 [e]	1722 [e]	5547 [e]
pasē	eulogia	pneumatikē	en	tois	epouraniois	en	Christō
πάσῃ	εὐλογία	πνευματικῇ	ἐν	τοῖς	ἐπουρανίοις	ἐν	Χριστῷ ;
every	blessing	spiritual	in	the	heavenly realms	in	Christ
Adj-DFS	N-DFS	Adj-DFS	Prep	Art-DNP	Adj-DNP	Prep	N-DMS

- “with every spiritual blessing” is the first of three phrases that begin with the preposition “in” or “with”
 - “blessed us IN Christ”
 - “WITH every spiritual blessing”
 - “IN the heavenly realms”
- “every spiritual blessing” captures everything we have received through God’s saving work of Jesus Christ.
- “spiritual” refers to things pertaining to the Spirit or our life in the Spirit or the spiritual realm.
 - It is NOT a contrast to material things
 - But, it is talking about a greater more permanent realm
 - It is NOT talking about something in a future state or a coming kingdom, but is spiritual in the NOW.
- “in the heavenly realms”
 - Used in exclusively in Ephesians:
 - Ephesians 1:3 –
 - Ephesians 1:20 –
 - Ephesians 2:6 –
 - Ephesians 3:10 –
 - Ephesians 6:12 –
 - “Heavenly realms” is used to refer both to:
 - The sphere of God and Christ (1:3, 20; 2:6)
 - The location and place of evil principalities and powers (3:10; 6:20)
 - This is an Old Testament concept (and, NOT original with Gnostics if Gnosticism even needs to be considered involved in this discussion.)
 - It is an invisible spiritual environment that should be considered in contrast with the visible and tangible material location.
 - This life in Christ now is the true life that exists now and will not pass away.

- Isaiah 24:21 – “On that day the LORD will punish the host of heaven, in heaven, and the kings of the earth, on the earth.”
- Acts 1:9 – “And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.”
- Colossians 2:15 – “He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.”
- Colossians 1:16 – “For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.”
- Daniel 10:12-13 – “Then he said to me, “Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia.”
- Revelation 9:1-2 and 12:12

