

LESSON #4: GOD'S PERFECT WORLD SPOILED BY SIN

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1

Isaiah 14:12-15

Ezekiel 28:11-18

Revelation 12:3,4

When God made the first people, Adam and Eve, He made them perfect, without any sin. He gave them the beautiful garden of Eden for their home, and He filled the garden with everything they could possibly want to keep them happy. God only made one rule that they had to obey. He wanted them to show that they loved Him by obeying Him. He told them, "You may freely eat of all the trees in the garden, except one. Do not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The day that you eat of it you will surely die." God was testing Adam and Eve to see if they really believed what He said, and they really loved Him.

God had also made angels as well as the earth and all that is on it. He made the angels to live with Him in heaven. Angels are bright, shining creatures who serve God night and day. Angels are different than people, they are very powerful and have wings to travel over God's universe very quickly. They spend their time loving, praising and serving God. There are so many of them that you can't count them.

The most beautiful and powerful angel of all was named Lucifer. He was more beautiful than anything that we can imagine. But Lucifer had a problem, he became proud. He became so proud that he thought he could take God's place. Lucifer wanted to be God. So he convinced one-third of all the angels to fight against God with him. He was very foolish to think that he could defeat the creator of all things including himself. God threw that wicked Lucifer and all his wicked followers out of heaven. They became the evil spirits, we sometimes call them demons. Lucifer, their leader, got a new name Satan. From that time, they have never stopped doing evil. They are God's enemies, and ours too. The good news is that one day, when God brings all time to an end, He will throw the Old Serpent, Satan, and all his followers into the Lake of Fire. Then they will never be able to do evil or harm anymore.

The Bible says that Satan, that wicked one walks the earth looking for someone to devour, or destroy. At the beginning of time there was only Adam and Eve. Satan hated them just as he hated God. He wanted to destroy them, and he knew just how to do it. Satan knew the God had commanded Adam and Eve not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. He knew that if they disobeyed God they were condemned to die. So Satan decided to try and trick the two first people into disobeying God.

Satan came to Eve in the form of a beautiful serpent. Nowadays we don't think that serpents are so beautiful. In fact, many people fear them. Some of them are very dangerous, but in the beginning this wasn't so, for God had made them very beautiful and more clever than any other animal. So Satan used the form of a beautiful, clever more clever than any other animal. So Satan used the form of the beautiful clever serpent to charm Eve and then deceive her into disobeying God. Satan is like that. He never shows what he is up to. He makes disobeying God look so exciting and thrilling. It is our duty to look through all the trickery and see things as they really are. For this we need God's help! We can never hope to fight Satan on our own, for he is much more clever than we.

To gain God's help in fighting Satan and all his deception, it is important that we learn God's word. We need to read and study the Bible everyday if possible. We also need to hide God's word in our heart, that is memorize it. Then, we need to ask God's help. Pray that he will keep you from temptation, and help you to choose the right when temptation can not be avoided.

Bible Text

Genesis 2:15-17

15 And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Genesis 3:1

1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

Isaiah 14:12-15

12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

Ezekiel 28:11-15

11 Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.

13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.

14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

Ezekiel 28:16-18

16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

18 Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.

Revelation 12:3,4

3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

Learn:

“Be sober, be vigilant,
because your adversary the devil,
as a roaring lion,
walketh about seeking whom he may devour.”
1 Peter 5:9

1. What does it mean to be sober and vigilant?
2. Why do we need to be sober and vigilant?
3. What will help us so that we will not be tricked by Satan into sinning-disobeying God?
4. What was Satan like before he rebelled against God?

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Lesson 4 Craft: God's Perfect World Spolied through Sin

Drawing to reinforce lesson. Use crayons, markers, or pencils to create brochure type foldout. Make an illustration brochure on how sin makes all things beautiful ugly.

1. Draw in section #1.

Genesis 3:1

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2. Draw in section #2.

2 Corinthians 11:14

And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

Revelation 12:13-14

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