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How did evil originally enter God's perfect creation?

INTRODUCTION

In Lesson 1 we learned that all things were good as they were originally made because they were made by a perfect and holy God. Yet today our world is literally plagued with wars, murders, bloodshed, abuse, hate, and countless other manifestations of evil. This fact begs the question, "What went wrong with God's perfect world?"

The purpose of this lesson is to help you understand the origin of evil and the battle that is presently taking place in the unseen world.

Section A

God's "Anointed Cherub" (Lucifer) Becomes God's "Adversary" (Satan)

God created an innumerable company of spirit beings.

- ❑ Long before God created the first man and woman, He created an innumerable company of spirit beings described as angels.

Revelation 5:11; Daniel 7:9-10; Hebrews 12:22

The greatest of the spirit beings God created was Lucifer.

- ❑ The most powerful, preeminent, and beautiful of all of the spirit beings was one whom Ezekiel 28:14 calls the "_____," and Isaiah 14:12 calls "_____." The name "Lucifer" means, "_____ bearer." God made him of beautiful _____ to reflect and refract God's own glorious light into every color of the rainbow throughout the universe. He was also made of _____ instruments which were apparently used to provide the background music as the angels worshipped, praised, and glorified God.

Lucifer held the most exalted position of any created being as the "anointed cherub," and as the "light bearer" of God's own glorious light.

Ezekiel 28:11-14; Job 38:4,7

*Note where Lucifer was when he carried out this ministry...in _____. (Ezekiel 28:13a)

Lucifer's position, however, was not enough to satisfy his own selfish pride. He sought the position reserved only for the "most High."

- ❑ There came a day, however, when Lucifer became _____ of his exalted position and incredible beauty and sought to receive the _____ and _____ for which only the eternal, creator God is worthy.

Ezekiel 28:15,17; Isaiah 14:12-14; I Timothy 3:6

The origin of evil centered around pride.

LUCIFER'S FIVE "I WILLS"

(Isaiah 14:13-14)

1. **I will** _____ into heaven...
2. **I will** exalt my _____...
3. **I will** _____ also upon the mount of the congregation...
4. **I will** _____ above the heights of the clouds...
5. **I will** be _____ the most High.

□ Because of Lucifer's sin:

1. He lost his _____ as the "anointed cherub," but never lose sight of the fact that he still possesses more _____ than any created being.

Lucifer lost his position as the "anointed cherub," but still possesses more power than any created being.

Ezekiel 28:14-16; Jude 1:9

2. He lost his _____ on the earth, but never lose sight of the fact that he is still the "_____ of this _____."

Lucifer lost his throne on the earth, but still is the "god of this world."

Isaiah 14:13b; Ezekiel 28:13a; II Corinthians 4:4

3. He lost his _____, and is no longer referred to as Lucifer or "light-bearer," but never lose sight of the fact that he still _____ himself into an "angel of _____."

Lucifer lost his name ("light bearer,") but still transforms himself into an "angel of light."

Revelation 12:9; II Corinthians 11:14

After Lucifer's fall, he is referred to biblically as:

- The _____ (which means "_____") – Rev. 12:9
- _____ (which means "_____") – Rev 12:9
- "That old _____" – Rev 12:9; 20:2
- "The _____ of this world" – II Cor. 4:4
- "The _____ of the power of the air" – Eph 2.2
- "The _____ one" – Matt. 13:19
- "The angel of the _____ pit" – Rev 9:11
- " _____ " (which means " _____ ") – Rev. 9:11
- " _____ " (which means " _____ ") – Rev. 9:11
- " _____ – the prince of the _____ " – Matt. 12:24

Note: These are only a few of the names by which he is referred in scripture.

Names the Bible uses to refer to Lucifer after his fall.

- Satan now goes to and fro in the earth, walking up and down in it, seeking to _____ people _____.

Satan now roams the earth as a lion, seeking whom he may devour.

Job 1:7; I Peter 5:8

1. Satan "devours" the **UNBELIEVING** by keeping them _____.
 - Satan seeks to _____ the _____ of people to the reality of who Christ is, what Christ has done, and what Christ wants to do in their lives.

Satan devours the **unbelieving** by keeping them blinded.

II Corinthians 4:3-4, Acts 26:18

Satan seeks to blind **unbelievers** by:
 Keeping the light of the gospel from shining unto them...
 holding them captive in his snare...
 and taking away the Word as soon as it is sown.

- Satan seeks to exercise his own _____ in the lives of people by taking them _____ in his snare (trap).

II Timothy 2:26; Ephesians 2:2

- Satan seeks to immediately take away the _____ of the Word of God that is _____ in people’s hearts.

Mark 4:15; Matthew 13:19

2. Satan “devours” the **BELIEVING** by keeping them _____.

Satan devours **believers** by keeping them defeated.

- Satan seeks to defeat people through _____ and _____.

II Timothy 3:11-12; I Peter 5:8-9

Satan seeks to defeat **believers** through:
 persecutions...
 afflictions...
 resistance...
 difficulty...
 temptation...
 condemnation...
 ignorance...
 false doctrine...
 doubt...
 and confusion.

- Satan seeks to defeat people through _____ and _____.

Zechariah 3:1; I Thessalonians 2:18; Daniel 7:25a

- Satan seeks to defeat people through _____ and _____.

I Thessalonians 3:5; Matthew 4:1; II Peter 2:9; Revelation 12:10

- Satan seeks to defeat people through _____ and _____.

II Corinthians 2:11; II Corinthians 11:12-14; I Timothy 4:1

- Satan seeks to defeat people through _____ and _____.
He seeks to cause doubt and confusion concerning:
 The _____ of God. (Genesis 3:1; I Thessalonians 2:13)
 The _____ of God. (Matthew 11:1-3)
 The _____ of God. (Matthew 14:22-31)

Some key things to keep in mind about Satan:

- Remember that he is God’s _____!
 He wants to do whatever he possibly can to thwart God’s _____ and _____.

Satan is the adversary of God,
 His plans and His purposes.

- Remember that his desire was to “be like the most High”! Though he *has* and *will* always use any and all possible means to counter God’s plans and purposes, the Bible reveals and history has proven that Satan’s most effective means is by _____ the working of God. (i.e. by being “_____ the most High!”)

Satan is most effective in countering God, by counterfeiting God!

- ❖ He will use the _____ very eloquently but will _____ it, _____ it, and _____ it.

Satan uses the Bible!

Matthew 4:6; Psalm 91:11; Genesis 3:4-5

- ❖ He has his own “_____ of righteousness” who pose as “_____” voices for God.

Satan has ministers!

II Corinthians 11:13-15

- ❖ He will use Christian “catch phrases” like, “_____,” “the _____,” and “receive the _____.” (See II Corinthians 11:4 in the margin)

*“For if he that cometh preacheth **another** Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive **another** spirit, which ye have not received, or **another** gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him,”*

II Corinthians 11:4

Through God's strategic placement of the word "**another**" in II Corinthians 11:4, we learn that there is:

“... Another _____”

“... Another _____”

“... Another _____”

- Remember, though Satan’s desire was to “be like the most High,” he will never possess the _____ of the _____, _____, Creator God! Evidently, Lucifer was so confident in his own powers and abilities that he even _____ himself into believing that it was possible.

Satan could never actually “be like the most High,” because he is a created being.

Be very aware, however, that ...

- ❖ Though Satan is not ETERNAL, he has been around an extremely long time and is very aware of human nature!
- ❖ Though Satan is not OMNIPOTENT, he is extremely _____! (Jude 1:9)
- ❖ Though Satan is not OMNISCIENT, he is extremely _____! (Ezekiel 28:12)
- ❖ Though Satan is not OMNIPRESENT, he is extremely _____ and has many _____!

Satan is not ETERNAL, but he has been around a long time.

Satan is not OMNIPOTENT, but he is extremely powerful.

Satan is not OMNISCIENT, but he is extremely intelligent.

Satan is not OMNIPRESENT, but he is extremely fast.

Section B

God's Ministering Spirits (Angels), Become Satan's Ministering Spirits (Demons)

As many as of the angelic host followed Lucifer in his rebellion.

- ❑ When Lucifer rebelled against God, as many as one-third of the _____ followed him in his rebellion. Of these, some have already been confined in chains in _____ as they await their judgment.

Revelation 12:4; II Peter 2:4; Jude 1:6

These fallen angels became demons.

- ❑ Other fallen angels are the _____ or _____ who ceased to be ministers of _____ and became ministers of _____. Satan and his demonic forces move freely _____ the earth and _____ the earth in the earth's atmosphere.

Ephesians 6:12; Luke 4:40-41

Demons follow Satan's directives as he wars against God's purposes.

- ❑ Demons are under the direction of _____ and are strategically positioned to _____ against the purposes of God in the world.

Matthew 9:34; 12:24; 25:41; Revelation 12:9

Because demons are not omnipresent, they are highly regimented and organized.

- ❑ Because demons, like Satan, are finite and cannot be in more than one place at a time, they are highly regimented and _____ in order to accomplish Satan's diabolical purposes. The number of demons engaged as emissaries of Satan is what makes Satan *seem* to be _____, though he is not.

Ephesians 6:10-12

Demons masquerade as the gods behind the idols in false systems of worship.

- ❑ Demons masquerade as the _____ behind the _____ that are worshipped by people all over the world. There are "_____" things that happen in these false religious systems because demons are real _____ beings.

I Corinthians 10:19-20

All demons will be cast with Satan into the lake of fire.

- ❑ Eventually all demons will be cast with Satan into the _____ of _____ forever.

Revelation 20:10; Matthew 25:41