

SPIRITUAL WARFARE IS NOT FOR SISSIES

APPENDIX A

THE ORIGIN OF DEMONS AND SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Sometime in eternity past, God created a tremendous host of angelic spiritual beings. They were there when God laid the foundation of the world.

- *“Where were you [Job] when I laid the foundations of the earth?...
To what were its foundations fastened?
Or who laid its cornerstone,
When the **morning stars** sang together,
And all the **sons of God [angelic beings]** shouted for joy?” Job 38:4,6,7*

Of this hierarchy of angelic beings, one angel was prominent above all others in every aspect of his existence... his beauty, intelligence, wisdom. His name was Lucifer, a cherub of the highest order until his heart was lifted up in pride and demanded equality with God. As a result, God cast him down in partial judgment from his lofty position in heaven.

- *“You had the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.
“You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering:
The ruby, the topaz and the diamond; The beryl, the onyx and the jasper;
The lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald;
And the gold, the workmanship of your timbrels and flutes, Was in you.
On the day that you were created They were prepared.
“You were the anointed cherub who covers, And I placed you there.
You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked in the midst of the stones of fire.
“You were blameless in your ways
From the day you were created until unrighteousness was found in you.
“By the abundance of your trade You were internally filled with violence,
And you sinned; Therefore I have cast you as profane From the mountain of God.
And I have destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the stones of fire.
“Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor. I cast you to the ground; Ezekiel 28:13-17*
- *“How you have fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!
You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations!
**“But you said in your heart, ‘I will ascend to heaven;
I will raise my throne above the stars of God, And I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north.
‘I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.’** Isaiah 14:12-14*

Jesus witnessed firsthand when Lucifer was eventually cast down to the earth...

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- *And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.* Luke 10:17,18

When Lucifer rebelled, 1/3 of all angels followed him...

- *Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems. And his tail swept away **a third of the stars of heaven** and threw them to the earth... And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Revelation 12:3,4,7-9*

Lucifer (meaning “morning star” or “bringer of light”) became known in the heavenlies as Satan (meaning “adversary”) and those fallen angels who followed him became collectively known as “demons”. Some extra-biblical sources (e.g. The Book of Enoch, etc) contradict this explanation of the origin of demon pedigree. But nevertheless, Satan is the undisputed prince over this vast hierarchy of filthy, unredeemable creatures regardless of their origin.

As a result of Satan’s rebellion, he and his demons were judged by God, and a lake of fire was prepared for them (Revelation 20:10). Up until this time, the angel’s view of God as a Righteous Judge must have been unclear to the angelic realm. With no evil present in the universe, the application of God’s justice would have been unknown. And once the concept of justice entered the heavenlies due to Satan’s fall, how could God’s love be reconciled with His Justice without seeing God’s mercy?

God answered those questions by a special act of creation- mankind... made in the His own image. And by the incarnation, death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, all of the wonderful attributes of God- His love, justice, and mercy, et.al. are revealed to all of creation.

- *To me [the Apostle Paul], who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,* Ephesians 3:8-11

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When Satan and those who chose to follow him were cast out of heaven to the earth, he (Satan) assumed temporary dominion over this world.

- *...in whose case the **god of this world [Satan]** has blinded the minds of the unbelieving...so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*
2 Corinthians 4:4
- *“I will no longer talk much with you, for the **ruler of this world [Satan]** is coming, and he has nothing in Me.*
John 14:30

- *Now is the judgment of this **world**; now the **ruler of this world [Satan]** will be cast out.*
John 12:31
- *....of judgment, because the **ruler of this world [Satan]** is judged.*
John 16:11

Ever since that fateful event of Satan’s judgment and being cast down to the earth, he has been at war with everything on the earth that is made in God’s image or by His hand.

In the Old Testament, there is no known instance where demons were cast out of a person. But during Jesus’s ministry, the casting out of demons went hand in hand with the miracle of healing. This, in fact, was a sign and a validation of Jesus’s credentials as the Messiah.

- *And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.*
Matthew 10:1

¹⁸ *If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? Because you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub. ¹⁹ And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁰ **But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.*** Luke 11:18-20