

Genesis 3:1-7

(Week 2)

Where did things go wrong?

Angels

- created beings (Ps. 148:5)
- created by Jesus Christ (John 1:1-3)
 - before the creation of the world (Job 38:7)
- created Holy (Gen. 1:31 and Mk. 8:38)
- created beings **not human** (1 Peter 1:11-12)
 - Limited in knowledge, power, and activity
- created to be morally responsible
 - Subject to judgment (1 Cor. 6:3: Matt. 25:41)

Angels

- Angels are “personalities”
 - Matt. 8:29; 2 Tim 2:26
 - They have a personal existence
 - They have intelligence
 - They have emotions
 - They have free will
- Angels can appear “as people and to people.”
 - Hebrews 13:2

Satan is an Angel

- He belonged to the “order of the cherubim” Ezekiel 28:14
- He was the “highest” of all the angels.
Ezekiel 28:12
- He is called the god of this world and the prince and power of the air.
2 Cor. 4:4; Eph 2:2
- He searches the earth looking for those he can destroy. 1 Peter 5:8

Satan

- Had unparalleled perfection (he was morally perfect – without blemish)
Ezekiel 28:12
- Had unparalleled function. The cherubim guarded the Throne of God and protected the Holiness of God.
Ezekiel 1:5: Gen. 3:24

Satan's Sin

Ezekiel 28:

14) You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. 15) You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you.

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16) Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones.

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17) Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings.

Satan's Sin Described

Isaiah 14

- I will ascend into heaven
- I will raise my throne above the stars
- I will sit on the mount of the assembly
- I will ascend over the clouds
- I will make myself like God "*Elyon*"

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1) Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" 2) The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3) but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.' "

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4) "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. 5) "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

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6) When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. 7) Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Syllogism “Original Sin”

- Major premise: Restrictions are not good.
- Minor premise: God’s plan has restrictions.
- Conclusion: Since God’s plan has restrictions...
 - His plan is not good.
 - Satan’s plan (with no restrictions) is good.
- The validity of the conclusion depends on the *truth of the major premise.*

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