

THE ORIGINAL SIN OF SATAN

We come to the point of our study where we look at the original sin of Satan. We need to remind ourselves and make some bullet point statements of truth before dive into the text and look at Satan's fall.

- Remember that all angels were created by God through His Son the Lord Jesus Christ (Colossians 1:16-17).
- According to John 1:3, "All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being." So we can say that no creature has existed without God being behind it.
- Also remember from the beginning and in Genesis, all of God's creation was created as "good." We can then that from the beginning of creation that all angels were holy or good angels without sin.

SATAN'S FALL

The timing of Satan's fall is somewhat speculative but what is clear is that Satan fell from his "proper abode." Let us look at some Scriptures to establish this point.

- 1 Timothy 3:6—
- Matthew 25:41—
- Revelation 12:3-4—

We understand then that Satan and his angels are set out in this world to oppose God, His people and His kingdom.

Now we learn from two great passages that connect Satan and his original state and his fall. The first one is in Ezekiel 28:1-19. Let us walk through this passage together and note what it says.

This text is broken down into 2 parts. We see first the judgment of the human king of Tyre in verses 1-10 and then in verses 11-19 we find Satan addressed as the one behind this human king.

Notice as well what this text says about Satan and his initial privileges. He was in the garden with God. He had the “seal of perfection.” And without explaining how it happen we read in verse 15 he sinned. Verse 17 also gives us a glimpse of Satan’s heart. His sin is obviously a proud heart and a self-occupation with himself. We thus can say that sin can use God’s gifts for selfish ends.

Because of Satan’s pride and arrogance, God casts him from his privileged position near the throne room of God. Look again at verses 16 and 17. And his ultimate punishment is the lake of fire (Matthew 25:41).

THE WRETCHEDNESS AND RESULTS OF SATAN’S SIN

Satan’s sin is so heinous for various reasons. Think with me on this.

1. There was no such thing as sin until Satan sinned. I think we can say that he is the author of it. Satan had no example to follow, his own heart desired to be evil and oppose God.
2. Ezekiel 28 talks a lot about the beauty and position of Satan. He lacked nothing in this department yet he still desired to sin.
3. And being in God’s presence he saw and experience the ultimate experience with the Living God. He had a living relationship with the King and yet still sinned.

As for the results of his sin we can look at Isaiah 14 :12-17.

1. *Banishment from heaven.* (v. 12) “How you have fallen from heaven.” His privileges and position were permanently lost.
2. *Perversion of power.* (v. 12, 16, 17) Satan’s power, once used for God’s glory and the good of His creatures, is now turned to disruptive and destructive purposes. He has weakened the nations and caused the earth and governments to tremble. His prisoners have no relief.

3. *Destined to the pit.* God's judgment had to come against such sin. Satan will "be thrust down to Sheol, to the recesses of the pit" (Isaiah 14:15; Revelation 20:3). Also note that all who follow him will do likewise (Isaiah 24:21-22).

THE TIME OF SATAN' S FALL

There is no clear revelation as to exactly when Satan fell, but there are limits to the possible time, which we may deduce from biblical evidence.

- If we assume that angels were part of the creation of Genesis chapter 1, then their fall follows that point. Angels were present when God "laid the foundation of the earth" and "set its measurements" (Job 38:4-5), for it was then that "the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy" (Job 38:7). This involved all the angels rejoicing with God. Satan and his angels fell, then, sometime after the original creation of the heavens and the earth, all of which was "very good" (Genesis 1:31).
- It is certain that Satan had fallen before Genesis 3 where the temptation of Adam and Eve is recorded. He fell before man fell; but whether he fell before or after man's creation, we cannot say certainly.
- So we can deduce from the above statements that Satan fell after Genesis 1 and before Genesis 3.

Conclusion: The very sense of Scriptures shows us that Satan's Sin is that he was a prideful creature. He wanted the place of God. Look again at Isaiah 14:13-15. Notice the "I will's" of Satan. Yet his sin is to be punished.

Now let us turn to our thoughts and sins. Is your heart full of the "I wants" or pride? Let us not fall into to this trap of thinking that we can be God or better than God. Let us serve Him with humility and submission.

