

01 Pathway to Paradise Bible Studies on Lesson Two

Key Text: **James 4:7** **Submit** yourselves therefore to **God**. Resist the devil, and he will run away from you.

James 4:8 Come close to God, and he will come close to you...

Question 01: Who is the Dragon and where did he come from?

Answer 01: **Revelation 12:9** And the great dragon was **thrown** out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, who deceives the whole world: he was thrown **out** into the **earth**, and his **angels** were **thrown** out with him.



Luke 10:18 And he said unto them, I saw **Satan** as lightning **fall** from **heaven**.

Note: When Satan rebelled, there was war in heaven, and he, with all his sympathizers, the rebellious angels, was cast out. He had held a high office in heaven, possessing a throne radiant with light. But he swerved from his allegiance to the blessed and only King Jesus, and fell from his first lovely home in heaven. All the evil angels who sympathized with him were driven from the presence of God, doomed to be no more acknowledged in the heavenly courts as having a right there. Satan became the declared enemy of Christ. On the earth he planted the standard of rebellion, and round it his sympathizers rallied to tempt boys and girls and bring about sin, death, pain and sorrow.

Question 02: Who made the devil and is he really a dragon?

Answer 02: **Ezekiel 28:13** ... **You** were **created**.

Ezekiel 28:14 You were the anointed **cherub** who covers; and I established you...

Ezekiel 28:15 You were **perfect** in your ways from the day that you were **created**, till **sin** was **found** in **you**.

1 John 3:8 ... the devil **sinned** from the **beginning**...

Revelation 12:9 And the great **dragon** was cast out, that old serpent, **called** the **Devil**

Revelation 20:2 And he laid hold on the **dragon**, that old serpent, which **is** the **Devil**, and **Satan** ...

Note: "Sin entered the world by the defection or turning away from God of Satan who stood at the



head of the holy angels. His name was Lucifer. What was it that produced so great a change, transforming a royal, honoured subject into a traitor? The answer is given in the Bible in the book of Ezekiel 28, 'Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you have corrupted your wisdom by reason of your brightness.' In other words he became very proud. He loved himself more than God who had made him so handsome and wise. If the Lord had not made the covering cherub so beautiful, so closely resembling his own

image; and if he God had not awarded him special honour; had anything been left undone in the gift of beauty and power and honour, then Satan might have had some excuse for his sin and rebellion. But God declares about Satan: 'You seal up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. You have been in Eden, the garden of God (when he tempted Adam and Eve); every precious stone (including every colour of the rainbow) was your covering. . . . You were the anointed cherub that covers (right next to the throne of God); and I had set you so; you were upon the holy mountain of God (in heaven); you have walked



up and down in the middle of the stones of fire (the sea of glass mingled with fire like fire opals before the throne). You were perfect in your ways from the day that you were created till sin was found in you. By the abundance or great number of your deceptions this has filled you with violence, and you have sinned; therefore I will throw you as a wicked angel out of the mountain of God (heaven); and I will destroy you, O covering cherub, from the middle of the stones of fire. Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you have corrupted your wisdom by reason of your brightness: I will throw you to the ground; I will lie you before kings, that they may behold you (when you will be brought down and destroyed).

Question 03: What was Satan's name before he sinned and where did he live?

Answer 03: **Isaiah 14:12** How are you **fallen** from **heaven**, O **Lucifer**, son of the morning!
how are you cut down to the ground, who did weaken the nations!

Isaiah 14:13 For you have **said** in your **heart**, I will **ascend** into **heaven**, I will exalt my throne above the stars (angels) of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

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

Ephesians 6:12 For we **wrestle** not against **flesh** and blood (people), but **against** principalities, against **powers**, against the **rulers** of the darkness of this world (Satan and his angels), against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.

Note: Lucifer in heaven desired to be first in power and authority; he wanted to be God, to have the rulership of heaven; and to this end he won many of the angels to his side. When with his rebel host of angels that joined with him he was cast out from the courts of God, the work of rebellion and self-seeking was continued on earth. Through the temptation to self-indulgence and ambition Satan accomplished the fall of our first parents Adam and Eve; and from that time to the present the gratification of human ambition and the indulgence of selfish hopes and desires have proved the ruin of mankind.

Question 04: How did Lucifer change?



Answer 04: **Ezekiel 28:15** You were **perfect** in your ways from the **day** that you were **created**, till **sin** was **found** in you.

Ezekiel 28:17 Your **heart** was **lifted** up **because** of your **beauty**, you have **corrupted** your wisdom by **reason** of your **brightness**: I will cast you to the ground, I will lay you before kings, that they may behold you.

Lucifer himself had not at first been acquainted with or fully understood the real nature of his feelings; for a time he had feared to express the workings and imaginings of his mind; yet he did not dismiss them. He did not see where he was drifting. But such efforts as infinite love and wisdom only could devise, were made to convince him of his error. His disaffection or turning away from his love and loyalty to God was proved to be without cause, and he was made to see what would be the result of persisting in revolt. Lucifer was convinced that he was in the wrong. He saw that "the Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works" (Psalm 145:17); that the divine commandments are just, and that he ought to acknowledge them as such before all heaven. He nearly reached the decision to return; but pride forbade him. He persistently defended his own course, and fully committed himself to the great controversy against his Maker, Jesus.



Satan's rebellion was to be a lesson to the universe through all coming ages--a perpetual or never ending testimony to explain to all the universe and other worlds that may be later created, the nature of sin and its terrible results. The working out of Satan's rule, its effects upon both men and angels, would show what must be the fruit of setting aside the divine authority. It would testify that with the existence of God's government is bound up the well-being of all the creatures He has made. Thus the history of this terrible experiment of rebellion was to be a perpetual safeguard to all holy beings, to prevent them from being deceived as to the nature of transgression, to save them from committing sin, and suffering its penalty.

Question 05: How many angels joined Satan in his rebellion against God?

Answer 05: **Revelation 12:3** And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a **great red dragon...**

Revelation 12:4 And his **tail** drew the **third** part of the **stars** (angels) of heaven, and did cast them to the earth...

Revelation 1:20 The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven **stars** are the **angels** of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which you saw are the seven churches.

Note: When Satan became disaffected or discontented and resentful in heaven, he did not lay his complaint before God and Christ; but he went among the angels who thought him perfect and represented that God had done him injustice in preferring Christ to himself. The result of this misrepresentation of lies about God the Father and Jesus was that through their sympathy with him one third of the angels lost their innocence, their high estate or beautiful heavenly life, and their happy home. Satan is instigating, or trying to convince and urge through his lies, boys and girls and adults, to continue on earth the same work of jealousy and evil surmising or complaints against God for which he has no



proof or evidence that he started in heaven.

Question 06: What was the result of Lucifer's rebellion?

Answer 06: **Revelation 12:7** And there was **war** in **heaven**: Michael and his **angels** fought **against** the **dragon**; and the dragon fought and his angels, **Revelation 12:8** And **prevailed** not; neither was their place found any **more** in **heaven**.



Note: There was war in heaven. Angels were engaged in the battle; Satan wished to conquer the Son of God and those who were submissive to His will. But the good and true angels prevailed by winning the war, and Satan, with his followers, was driven from heaven.

Since that time Satan and his army of confederates, the evil angels, openly acknowledged that they were the enemies of God in our world, continually warring against the cause of truth and righteousness. Satan has continued to present to men, as he presented to the angels, his false representations or lies about Christ and of God, and he unfortunately has won the world to his side.

Question 07: How did Satan trick humans into joining his rebellion?

Answer 07: **Genesis 2:17** But of the **tree** of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not **eat** of it: for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely **die**.

Genesis 3:1 Now the **serpent** was more **subtil** (cunning) than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yes, has God said, You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

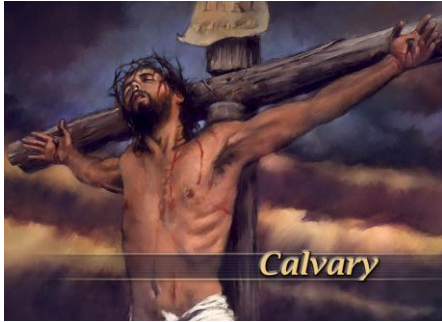
Genesis 3:4 And the serpent **said** unto the woman, **You** shall **not** surely **die**:

Note: In order to accomplish his work unperceived or in other words without Adam and Eve realising that it was him tempting them, Satan chose to employ as his medium or agent the serpent or snake—a disguise well adapted for his purpose of deception. The serpent was then one of the wisest and most beautiful creatures on the earth. It had wings, and while flying through the air presented an appearance of dazzling brightness, having the colour and brilliancy of burnished gold. Resting in the rich-laden branches of the forbidden tree and regaling or presenting in the most attractive and pleasant way, itself with the delicious fruit, it was an object to arrest the attention and delight the eye of the beholder. Thus in the garden of peace lurked the destroyer, watching for his prey. The angels had cautioned Eve to beware of separating herself from her husband while occupied in their daily labour in the garden; with him she would be in less danger from temptation than if she were alone. But absorbed in her pleasing task, she unconsciously wandered from his side. On



perceiving that she was alone, she felt an apprehension or anticipation of danger, but dismissed her fears, deciding that she had sufficient wisdom and strength to discern evil and to withstand it. Unmindful of the angels' caution, she soon found herself gazing with mingled curiosity and admiration upon the forbidden tree. The fruit was very beautiful, and she questioned with herself why God had withheld it from them.

Now was the tempter's opportunity. As if he was able to discern the workings of her mind (which he couldn't), he



addressed her: “Yes, has God said, you shall not eat of every tree of the garden?” Eve was surprised and startled as she thus seemed to hear the echo of her thoughts. To the tempter’s ensnaring question she replied: “We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: but of the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die. And the serpent said unto the woman, you shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day you eat of it, then your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be as gods,

knowing good and evil.”

Question 08: Why didn’t Adam and Eve die as soon as they ate the forbidden fruit?

Answer 08: **John 3:16** For **God** so **loved** the **world**, that he **gave** his only begotten **Son**, that whosoever believeth in him should **not** perish, but have **everlasting** life.

Galatians 1:3 Grace *be* to you and peace from God the **Father**, and *from* our Lord **Jesus** Christ,

Galatians 1:4 Who **gave** himself for our **sins**, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, **according** to the **will** of God and our **Father**:

Revelation 13:8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb **slain** from the **foundation** of the **world**.

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and **Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ:

Ephesians 1:4 According as he hath **chosen** us in **him** before the **foundation** of the **world**, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

Titus 1:2 In hope of **eternal** life, which **God**, that cannot lie, promised **before** the **world** began;

1 Peter 1:19 But with the precious **blood** of **Christ**, as of a **lamb** without blemish and without spot:

1 Peter 1:20 Who verily was foreordained **before** the **foundation** of the **world**, but was manifest in these last times for you,

Note: The fall of humanity filled all heaven with sorrow. The world that God had made was blighted or infected with disease, decay and sickness by the curse of sin and inhabited by beings doomed to misery and death. There appeared no escape for those who had transgressed the law. Angels ceased their songs of praise. Throughout the heavenly courts there was mourning and crying for the ruin that sin had wrought.

The Son of God, heaven’s glorious Commander, was touched with pity for the fallen race. His heart was moved with infinite compassion as the woes of the lost world rose up before Him. But divine love had conceived a plan whereby the lost might be redeemed. The broken law of God demanded the life of sinners. In all the universe there was but One who could, in behalf of humanity, satisfy its claims. Since the divine law is as sacred as God Himself, only one equal with God could make atonement or bring man



back into favour with God for his sin. None but Christ could redeem fallen humans from the curse of the law and bring them again into harmony with Heaven. Christ would take upon Himself the guilt and shame of sin—sin so offensive to a holy God that it must separate the Father and His Son.

Before the Father [Christ] pleaded in the sinner's behalf, while the host of heaven awaited the result with an intensity of interest that words cannot express. Long continued was that mysterious communing—"the counsel of peace" for the fallen human race. The plan of salvation had been laid before the creation of the earth, for Christ is "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." Yet it was a struggle, even with the King of the universe, to yield up His Son to die for the guilty race. Oh, the mystery of redemption! The love of God for a world that did not love Him! Who can know the depths of that love that "passes knowledge"?

God was to be manifest in Christ, "reconciling the world unto himself." Human beings had become so degraded by sin that it was impossible for them, in themselves, to come into harmony with Him whose nature is purity and goodness. But Christ, after having redeemed them from the condemnation of the law, could impart divine power to unite with human effort. Thus by repentance toward God and faith in Christ the fallen children of Adam might once more become "sons of God."



Question 09: What will be Satan's final punishment?

Answer 09: **Matthew 25:41** Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye **cursed**, into everlasting **fire**, prepared for the **devil** and his **angels**:

Ezekiel 28:18 ... therefore will I bring out a **fire** from the middle of you, it shall **devour** you, and I will bring **you** to **ashes** upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold you.

Ezekiel 28:19 All they that know you among the people shall be astonished at you: you shall be a terror, and **never shall you be any more**.

Malachi 4:1 For, behold, the **day is coming**, that shall **burn** as an **oven**; and **all** the proud, yes, and all that do **wickedly**, shall be stubble: and the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, that it shall **leave** them neither **root** nor **branch**.

Malachi 4:2 But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and you shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

Malachi 4:3 And you shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be **ashes** under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do *this*, says the LORD of hosts.

Luke 12:45 But and if that servant **say** in his heart, My lord **delays** his **coming**; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken;

Luke 12:46 The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looks not for *him*, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his **portion** with the **unbelievers**.



Luke 12:47 And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not *himself*, neither did according to his will, shall be **beaten** with many **stripes**.

Luke 12:48 But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be **beaten** with **few stripes**. For unto whomsoever **much is given**, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.



Satan and all the wicked will be punished in the fires of judgment after the Second Coming of Christ and the thousand years mentioned in Revelation chapter 20. Some are destroyed as in a moment, while others suffer many days. All are punished "according to their deeds." The sins of the righteous having been transferred to Satan, he is made to suffer not only for his own rebellion, but for all the sins which he has caused God's people to commit. His punishment is to be far greater than that of those whom he has deceived. After all have perished who fell by his deceptions, he is still to live

and suffer on. In the cleansing flames the wicked are at last destroyed, root and branch—Satan the root, his followers the branches. The full penalty of the law has been visited; the demands of justice have been met; and heaven and earth, beholding, declare the righteousness of God.

Those who refuse to conform their characters to the divine or Godlike nature can never enter the city of God. They have cut themselves off from the happiness, and hope, and peace, and joy that might have been theirs. Had they accepted the grace of Christ, they would have been made strong to resist the temptations of the enemy; and they would at last have been received into the holy city as sons and daughters of God, to be eternally blessed, to live a life measuring with the life of God.

Question 10: How can I be protected from Satan's temptations?

Answer 10: **Ephesians 6:11** Put on the whole **armour** of **God**, that you may be **able** to stand **against** the **devil** that is waiting to lie to you and deceive you.

Ephesians 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the **sword** of the **Spirit**, which is the **word** of **God**:

Matthew 4:10 Then said **Jesus** unto him, Get you away out of my sight, Satan: for **it** is **written**, you shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.

Mathew 4:11 Then the devil **left** him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. **Resist** the **devil**, and he will run **away** from **you**.

James 4:8 Come **near** to **God**, and he will come **near** to **you** ...

Day by day the battle goes on. If our eyes could be opened to see the good and evil agencies or angels at work, there would be no trifling, no vanity, no jesting or joking. If all boys and girls would put on the whole armour of God and fight manfully the battles of the Lord, victories would be gained that would cause the kingdom of darkness to tremble.

Question 10: Do you want to follow Jesus, put on the whole armour of God and be protected from the Dragon?

Note: Christ came to our world because he saw that it was impossible for boys and girls to overcome in their own behalf. Satan was on his track at every step, and in the wilderness he assailed him with the three leading temptations with which man are overcome,—appetite, presumption, and ambition. Jesus overcame Satan and his temptations by the Word of God. Jesus put on the whole armour of God to give us an example of how to defeat the



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Devil. We can defeat the Devil in the same way Jesus did with His help. Would you like to rely on Jesus and His Word, the Bible, to win this great battle against Satan, sin and selfishness?