

Angels and Demons

Satan and his Minions Lesson 2

Introduction

True or false?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> When we die, we become angels. | <input type="checkbox"/> Angels have wings. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Angels have no beginning and no end. | <input type="checkbox"/> God uses angels to serve and protect us. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> God created angels sometime during the 6 days of creation. | <input type="checkbox"/> God created angels and demons. |

Fall of the Evil Angels

In the previous lesson we discussed when God may have created angels. Though we are not told in Genesis when God created the angels what insights did **Job 38:4-7** offer?

Where did demons come from?

2 Peter 2:4 – “...God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment.”

Matthew 25:41 – “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’”

Considering the creation account in Genesis 1-2, is there any indication as to when Satan and other angels rebelled against God?

Scripture does not explicitly tell us in great detail the history of Satan’s fall. However there are a few sections in Scripture that seem to reference the fall of evil angels. **1 Timothy 3:6** states, “He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil.”

Consider the following passages and how they may also give us insight into the nature of Satan’s sin:

Ezekiel 28:12-19

Isaiah 14:12-15

How many angels rebelled against God?

Mark 5:9 – “My name is Legion,” he replied, “for we are many.”

Revelation 12:3,4 – “Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads. ⁴ His tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth.”

Can angels still sin? (Consider **1 Timothy 5:21**; **Luke 20:36**; **Matthew 18:10**)

In what different ways have you seen Satan portrayed on TV or in literature? Is there any accuracy to those depictions?

The Old Evil Foe

The word *Satan* comes from a Hebrew word which means...

Devil is a Greek word meaning...

Satan enters the scene of Scripture shortly after the creation of Adam and Eve. Read **Genesis 3:1-15**.

How might this account give us insight into Satan's sin and rebellion?

What tactics did Satan use to tempt Adam and Eve?

The devil doesn't slither up to people in the form of a snake to tempt them, but how is he still at work in the world today?

What does this account teach concerning Satan? What does it teach concerning God?

Satan appears in again Scripture in the book of Job. Read **Job 1:6-12**.

What was Satan doing before he approached God?

How did Satan learn about Job?

What intent did Satan have in afflicting Job?

What purpose did God have in permitting Satan to tempt Job?

What does the account of Job teach concerning Satan? What does it teach concerning God?

Satan enters again shortly after Christ, the second Adam, begins his ministry. Read **Matthew 4:1-11**

Compare the tactics that Satan used in the Garden of Eden to the tactics he used when tempting Jesus.

Contrast the second Adam, Christ, with the first Adam in how they handled the temptations of Satan.

What does this account teach concerning Satan? What does it teach concerning Jesus Christ?

He's still on the prowl (1 Peter 5:8)

Though today we do not see angels as a select few in Scripture did, we know that they are still at work to serve and protect. On the other hand, Satan and his army are also at work in the world to tempt and accuse. How aware are we of that truth from day to day?

Just as angels have special abilities that we do not, so do the devil and his minions. What is the devil capable of according to the following passages?

Acts 5:3 – *Then Peter said, “Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit...*

2 Corinthians 2:10,11 – *I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake,¹¹ in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.*

2 Corinthians 4:4 – *The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*

2 Corinthians 11:13,14 – *For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, masquerading as apostles of Christ.¹⁴ And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.*

Ephesians 2:2 – *...when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.*

Ephesians 6:11,12 – *Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*

Discuss.

- Why do you think Scripture doesn’t reveal more about the origin of Satan and demons?
- Why is a proper understanding of Scripture’s teaching concerning the devil so important?
- Evaluate the statement, “The devil made me do it!”
- Should we fear the devil and his evil angels? (**1 Peter 5:8; Romans 8:31-39**)