

SUNDAY CLASS LESSON 6
Angels

The fall of Satan and of Angels

The many names of Satan:

Rev. 12:9; 1 Pet. 5:8 = Satan (adversary or enemy; to obstruct, oppose)

Ha-Satan = refers to the heavenly accuser, “the Satan”. Is used 17 times in the Hebrew Bible:

Job ch. 1-2 (14 times); Zechariah 3: 1-2 (3 times) translated mostly as “Satan”.

It is used 10 times without Ha in English Bibles. Translated as “an accuser” once or as “an adversary” (9 times)

Is first used in 1 Chr. 21:1 = “Now Satan stood up against Israel” NKJV; “And there standeth up an adversary against Israel” Young’s Literal Translation

Psalm 109:6b = “and let Satan stand at his right hand” KJV; “And let an accuser stand at his right hand” NKJV, ESV, etc.

Rev. 12:9; Job 1: 6-11 = Devil (accuser or slanderer of mankind)

Rev. 12:9 = Dragon (great power of destruction)

Rev. 12:9; 2 Cor. 11:3 = Serpent (treachery)

Matt. 4:3; 1 Thess. 3:5 = Tempter (opponent or deceiver)

John 12:31; 14:30 = Prince, Ruler, of this World (great power and authority)

Eph. 2:2 – Prince of the Power of the Air

2 Cor. 4:4 = the god of this world (age)

God with a little “g”, not that he has all the divine characteristics of God Almighty but that he has the worship of men as do idols. He has no more power over us than what we give him.

Matt. 10:25; 12:24; Mark 3:22; Luke 11:15 = Beelzebub (lord of flies, prince of demons)

2 Cor. 6:15 = Belial (worthless)

Matt 13:19, 38; Eph 6:16; 1 John 2:13-14; 5:19 = the Evil One

John 8:44 = the father of lies

John 8:44 = a murderer from the beginning

Isaiah 14:12 – KJV = Lucifer (day star, bright one, or shining one)

The nature of these titles for Satan is enough reason for mankind to be wary of him.

Where did Satan come from?

There are at least 2 theories:

1. Satan was created by God as an evil influence to tempt mankind
2. Satan was created by God as a spiritual being (angel) with all the honor of one and then he sinned against God and was cast out of His presence.

Theory 1:

James 1:12-14 = God isn't tempted and He doesn't tempt anyone and there isn't anything in God's word that would lead us to believe that He would create a being just to do evil and tempt man.

Gen. 1 = Describes the creation of the physical universe and every being in it. If Satan was created by God, and everything was, and he wasn't a heavenly being, an angel, then he would have to be, by necessity, a part of the material creation and no such being is mentioned.

31: "God saw everything He had made and indeed it was very good..."

Mankind was good; Angels, including Satan were good but God created all three, man, angels and Satan with freewill and all three abused that gift.

Theory 2:

Psalm 148: 1, 6 = Heaven is populated with beings of high intelligence called angels

2 Pet. 2; 4 = angels have the freedom of choice to obey or disobey God

Rev. 12:9 = Satan was one of the fallen angels that choose to disobey God

Luke 10:18 = Jesus saw Satan cast out

1 Tim. 3:6 = Only God and Satan know what sin caused the Devil to fall but pride and ambition were probably involved

Gen. 3 = Sometime after Satan's fall, he showed up at the Garden. "Misery loves company"

And that's where Satan came from.