

Lesson 05

2.1. The origin of sin

a) Summary of last lesson:

- The creation of the earth and the angels; ⇒ **Genesis 1:1** and ⇒ **Ezekiel 28**
- Between ⇒ **Genesis 1:1** and ⇒ **Genesis 1:2**, we said that there was something.
- We're talking about double-reference prophecy ⇒ **Ezekiel 28**
- We examined ⇒ **Ezekiel 28:11~14** and the creation of 'Lucifer', the anointed guardian cherub.
- We also showed that God first created the earth in a completely mineral form.

b) Continuation of ⇒ **Ezekiel 28**

- Lucifer was a special cherub, created to command praise and worship before God's throne.
- But everything has been corrupted; ⇒ **Ezekiel 28:15**, *Till iniquity was found in you.* You were full of wisdom and beauty; you were perfect in your ways; but his heart became proud; he wanted to bring all the worship of the creator to himself; ⇒ **Ezekiel 28:17**.
- Angels are personal beings, with personality, reasoning; they are totally personal beings. When he corrupted his heart, he set up a plan to take God's place. With this, sin invaded the universe.
 - ⇒ **Ezekiel 28:16**; '*By the abundance of your trading...*' , implies the decision of 1/3 of the angels to accompany him, to have him as their leader; they were thrown out of God's presence. He made a trade; he negotiated with the angels and 1/3 of them accepted. '*...you became filled with violence within, and you sinned,*' sin invaded the universe.
 - When sin entered Lucifer's heart, he separated himself from God and became Satan (*the adversary*). The angels who accompanied him (1/3) became fallen angels.
- We have to understand that Satan is a personal being, with thousands of fallen angels, working against God's plan to be implemented on earth and in the universe. What he wants most is for us to ignore him.
- This cherub's decision welled up inside him; he was impressed by her beauty, her wisdom and her perfection. When this happened, he became independent of God and left the only source of good, love and justice.
- Satan sinned and God hates sin. Every time sin manifests itself, God's wrath also manifests itself, ⇒ **Romans 1:18**
 - ⇒ **Psalms 18:7~13**; describes a scene that clarifies what happened in ⇒ **Genesis 1:2**; because of sin the earth became chaotic, dark and empty.
 - God's indignation is over sin, so Jesus wants to tear the sin away from the sinner. God's wrath hangs over sin, and the sinner turns away from God (*men and angels*).

c) ⇒ **Isaiah 14:12~15**

- While ⇒ **Ezekiel 28** informs us, in a general way, of the creation, fall and final destruction of this cherub, ⇒ **Isaiah 14:12~15** expands on what happened in his heart; the iniquity that settled in his heart.
- The name Lucifer comes from Latin, precisely from the expression in ⇒ **Isaiah 14:12**, *O Lucifer (Lit. Day Star), son of the morning!* which was translated in Latin as ‘luz se fez’ and which was simplified to Lucifer, as a didactic name. As we have already said, this name is not biblical.
- ⇒ **Isaiah 14:12**; *How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer (Lit. Day Star), son of the morning!* An angel is often called a star in the Bible:

⇒ **Job 38:4~7**; ‘*When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?*’ are angels who sang. Sons of God in the OT, Sons of God are the creatures created directly by God, the angels and Adam.

⇒ **Revelation 12:3~9**

V.4; ⇒ ‘*a third of the stars of heaven,*’

V.7; ⇒ ‘*and the dragon and his angels fought.*’ Stars and angels for the same beings.

V.9; ⇒ Devil, Satan, the old serpent, and its angels.

- ⇒ **Isaiah 14:13**.

⇒ *For you have said in your heart: I will ascend into heaven*

- Why did Lucifer want to go up to heaven if he was already working in heaven?
- The Bible teaches us that there are three heavens:
 - 1st) Our atmosphere; the sky we see.
 - 2nd) The stratosphere (it was given to the angels).
 - 3rd) The heaven of heavens, the place of God's throne.
- Paul in ⇒ **II Corinthians 12:2** says that *a man was caught up to the third heaven.*
- Many times, in the Bible we find the expression ‘heaven of heavens’.

⇒ *I will exalt my throne above the stars of God...* It means the angels above are.

⇒ *I will also sit on the mount of the congregation..., on the sides of the north:*

- North is always a reference point with the earth and indicates the direction of the third heaven.

⇒ **Job 26:7**; ‘*He stretches out the north over empty space; He hangs the earth on nothing.*’

⇒ **Ezekiel 1:4**; ‘*a whirlwind was coming out of the north...*’ ;
Ezekiel's vision of the 4 living creatures

- ⇒ **Isaiah 14:14**

- ‘*I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High.*’
Clouds speak of God's glory.

- What Satan had in his heart was: 'I'm going to invade the third heaven, I'm going to rule over the angels, I'm going to rule over the earth and those on it, I'm going to ascend above the glory of God and be like the Most High.'
- Satan never presents himself explicitly in order to deceive man and take him off the path back to God, which is Jesus. His manifestations are always along these lines: *'I will be like the Most High'*.
- Throughout history we see God revealing his plan of salvation to man, in stages, in phases, and for each phase Satan has a similar plan. Satan presents himself in a camouflaged, falsified, adulterated, prostituted form; with half-truths, which are lies, to deceive the human race.
 - ⇒ **John 8:44**; Satan is the father of lies and a murderer from the beginning
 - ⇒ **John 10:1~10**; *'The thief (Satan) does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. Jesus (the Good Shepherd) have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.'*

Question: Why did God let it happen this way if He is the Almighty?