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The Angel Who Fell

Once upon a time God created a special angel. He was created beautiful and was full of wisdom and light. He was also very musically inclined. He was created for the position of covering cherub and was one of the top three angels in God's heavenly kingdom (Ezek. 28:14-16; Dan. 10:13; Jude 9; Luke 1:19). Michael and Gabriel were the other two angels.

But God's special angel became proud and lifted up. As the saying goes, "Pride comes before a fall." Well, that's exactly what happened (Is. 14:12-14; Rev. 12:7-9). Satan became perverted (twisted) in all his ways (Ezek. 28:16-18; Prov. 8:13; Prov. 10:32).

The Bible says Satan perverts the truth into a lie by only quoting those Scriptures that support his cause (Rom. 1:25; John 8:44). He is the father of perverted music (Is. 14:11). Music is supposed to be beautiful, uplifting, informative and promoting pure love and good feelings. It is to be a glory to God (Psalm 9:11). Satan's music incites lust and sexual promiscuity. It's noisy and hard on the ears and nerves. It does not promote tranquility, but hostility. It does not promote good behavior, but bad. It does not promote happiness, but sadness.

Satan is the ruler of this sin-sick world (2 Cor. 4:4; Matt. 4:8-9). His subjects are angels who don't obey God, as well as humans who don't

obey God daily, by keeping His Ways and doing His Will on this earth as it is done in heaven (Matt. 6:10). Humans want to do their

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own thing, think what they want and do what they want - that's Satan's nature (John 8:44; Eph. 2:1; Gal. 5:16-19).

Satan didn't want to be told what to do, and humans don't want to be told what to do either. Unless we allow God to tell us what to do and obey Him, we will perish (Rom. 8:14; 1 Thess. 4:9; 1 John 2:27; Acts 26:20; Is. 55:8-9; Luke 13:3, 5). This is a promise from God. We must repent and turn from our old ways of sin by performing only God's Ways in our lives.

We are, by nature, practicing rebellion against God (Eph. 2:2-3; Gen. 8:21). We must fight

Satan and resist our earthly, fleshly natures by doing good works to glorify God, as Jesus commanded His disciples to do (Matt. 5:16; 25:33-40; James 3:15). This will allow God to crush Satan, our natures, under our feet (Rom. 16:20).

Remember, if we never start, we'll never finish. Quitters never win, but winners never quit serving God by doing good works and serving others to please God for repentance (Gal. 6:9; Rev. 2:19, 26; Matt. 25:33-46).□

Satan Says ...

Satan would have you believe you were born good, and you were born with god in you. He also would have you believe you were born a god and that you are immortal (Gen. 3:4-5). He says you will not die. Satan would say you must overcome evil or rise above evil by knowing your inner self or coming in contact with the Christ, or god, in you. It is called the Christ consciousness, in mystical and spirituality circles, and is now used in yoga practices as well. This idea wants you to put faith in yourself and believe you can do all things on your own accord, whereas the Bible tells us, in Philippians 3:3, to put no confidence in our flesh. Philippians 2:13 (AMP) tells us; "For it is [not your strength, but it is] God who is effectively at work in you, both to will and to work [that is, strengthening, energizing, and creating in you the longing and the ability to fulfill your purpose] for His good pleasure. These Scriptures also show it is God's strength, not our own, that we should rely on: 1 Chron. 16:11; Ps. 18:2, 28:7-8, 29:11; 46:1; Ex. 15:2; Eph. 1:19. What Satan does not tell you, is that the god which is in you from birth is

himself, Satan (Gen. 8:21; John 8:44; John 2:23-25). Satan is the great impostor, the great imitator. What Jesus Christ calls conversion, Satan calls initiation.

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Jesus Christ says His true disciples will be given powers to do godly things while here on this earth. To those who live a life of overcoming by keeping Jesus Christ's deeds, God will give the powers of healing, miracles, casting out demons, raising the dead, and should they accidentally consume poison, they will not be harmed (Rev. 2:26). Nothing shall be impossible to those who serve God. Yes, they will suffer for living godly, but they will receive answered prayers (2 Tim. 3:12; 1 John 3:22).

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Now, Satan gives his ministers many of these same powers (Matt. 7:22-23). Recall the powers given to the magicians in the court of Pharaoh when they were contending with Moses (Ex. 7:11). You can identify Satan's ministers if you look at their fruits (Col. 1:10; Matt. 7:15-16). Satan's ministers are not overcoming evil by doing good for God in Jesus Christ's name (Psalm 37:27; Rom. 12:21; Col 3:17). Neither are they preaching that a believer must do something to receive eternal life (Rom. 2:7; Acts 26:20). They believe in doing a form of good or a form of righteousness but not in accordance with the knowledge of the truth. Because they do not know about God's righteousness they are establishing their own (Rom. 10:2-3; 2 Tim. 3:7).

The knowledge of the truth is according to godliness (Titus 1:1). If a man does not speak of this doctrine which conforms you to godliness, he remains conceited and understands nothing (1 Tim. 6:3-4). The truth teaches you to discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness (1 Tim. 4:7). The truth must be practiced if you are going to come into the knowledge of the light (John 3:21). The truth is the Will of God, and you must be willing to do God's Will in order to know God's true teaching (John 7:17).

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'You must show others the Way by being their example.'

If a person cannot be converted to God by your actions, your words will do little good. You must show others the Way by being their example. Wives are told to be examples to their husbands so they may be won without a word (1 Peter 3:1). Without a word! True disciples of Jesus Christ are told to love others by their deeds and not by their words (1 John 3:18-19). This is how you know you are of the truth.

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The new covenant is a new Way of living, which Jesus came to show us (Heb. 10:20). It is called the Way of righteousness (Matt. 21:32). Jesus Christ came to show us how to keep the Law perfectly in newness of the Spirit (Rom. 7:6). This new and living Way releases us from keeping the Law in the letter with its sabbaths and Old Testament tithing. We die to the Law by living to the Spirit. The Law could never successfully be kept physically because it was a spiritual law.

'Satan is out to religiously deceive the world by making hearers of the word because he knows only the doers will be justified.'

Satan is out to religiously deceive the world by making hearers of the word because he knows only the doers will be justified (James 1:22). The doers are the people who are righteous. If the righteous are scarcely saved, what will happen to those who remain hearers and do not obey the gospel of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 4:18)? And what will happen to those who continue to believe the lies that Satan tells them?

Are Satan & God Working Together?

Is Satan being used by God in God's salvation plan for mankind? What you are about to read is true and it might be a shock to you.

Disciples of Jesus Christ are told to resist Satan and he will flee from them. Yet, the Apostle Paul turned Hymenaeus and another person named Alexander over to Satan, that they might learn not to blaspheme (1 Tim. 1:20). The Apostle Paul also delivered people to Satan for the destruction of their flesh, that their spirit might be saved on the day of the Lord Jesus (1 Cor. 5:5).

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Jesus Christ our Savior told the Apostle Peter that Satan desired to test Peter as wheat and permission was granted by God (Luke 22:31). Satan entered Judas Iscariot so that prophecy might be fulfilled concerning Jesus (Luke 22:3). Jesus, to be our example of overcoming, was also tempted by Satan in the wilderness (Matt. 4:1-11). Jesus knew what was in man, and that was Satan's fallen nature (John 2:24-25). Jesus knew man's deeds were evil continually (John 7:7; Gen. 8:21; Jer. 17:9). He knew that all mankind was being held captive by Satan to do his will, which is evil (2 Tim. 2:26). Man is in need of a new heart.

The Apostle Paul was told secrets by God that a man should not even speak. To keep Paul from getting puffed up and arrogant, the Lord sent a demon from Satan to afflict Paul. This kept Paul from exalting himself. When the Apostle Paul complained to the Lord and asked Him to take the demon away, the Lord said, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in [man's] weakness" (2 Cor. 12:1-9). This shows that demons are also used by God from time to time for our

conversion.

Satan is used to take the message of the truth away from people who hear it, who are beginning to understand it but do not grasp it sufficiently to act on it (Matt. 13:19). This is done in mercy by God. Satan, then, is helping God. There are some today who do not even believe in Satan, when Jesus Himself said, "I saw Satan fall like lightning" (Luke 10:18).

In these last days, Satan is going to be allowed by God to cast some of the elect of God into prison to be tortured for ten days until they are finally killed. This is the test from God that they must pass to receive the crown of life (Rev. 2:10). Satan will go off to make war with the saints who are left behind because they were not found worthy to go to a place of safety (Rev. 12:17). Some will go into captivity (Rev. 13:9-10). Some will be killed by trying to save themselves with weapons instead of trusting in God (Rev. 13:10). Many will be tested by God as to their loyalty to Him by refusing the mark of the beast or to worship the beast or his image (Rev. 20:4; 6:10-11). Those who take the mark will suffer greatly and perish (Rev. 14:9-11; 18:4).

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Satan has been used by God from the very beginning in bringing man to spiritual perfection through testing. Job was tested by Satan with God's permission several times, and Job passed the test, like Jesus passed the test when He was tempted by Satan (Job 1:8-12; 2:3-10).

The ones who are found worthy to escape what is coming are continually asking God to help them be found worthy (Luke 21:36). They are the ones who are continually persevering in doing good, like Jesus' true disciples (Rev.

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3:10; Acts 9:36; 1 Peter 3:13; Rom. 2:7). They are becoming servants of the most for God by continually bearing godly character (fruit) in their lives—studying, praying. They are overcoming the flesh by keeping Jesus Christ's deeds and enduring the end (Rev. 2:26).

Satan is here now with great wrath because he knows his time is running out (Rev. 12:12). He will try to destroy all mankind but Jesus will intervene and stop the holocaust (Matt. 24:22). When this terrible time comes, everyone who is found written in "the book" will be rescued (Dan. 12:1). God will spare those people as He would spare His own son who serves Him (Mal. 3:16-17). These people were serving others continually, and only living to do good on this earth and do things continually that are pleasing in God's sight. They, like Dorcas, are imitating their Creator by doing acts of kindness and charity toward others continually (Acts 10:35-38; 9:36). They are the true sheep of Jesus Christ (Matt. 25:40). The goats are the wicked who will not do good to others in need (Matt. 25:41-46; Mal. 3:18).

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have been from the very beginning.'

When the Lord returns, the first two customers for the Lake of Fire will be the beast and the false prophet. They are two beasts, not human but inter-dimensional beings with Satan's full nature in them, according to God's word (Rev. 13:4, 11-12). Satan will eventually be put in chains for 1000 years, and then released again for the second resurrection which occurs at the end of the Millennium—1000-year time (Rev. 20:1-3, 7; 20:5). Satan will be released from his spiritual prison because the Lord still has a job for Satan to do. He is going out one more time to deceive the nations that are in the four corners of the earth (Rev. 20:8). You see, Satan and God are working together in God's salvation plan for mankind, and have been from the very beginning—so says God's word.

Are you overcoming Satan by resisting his temptation in wrong thoughts and actions in your life daily? Or are you justifying your old nature so that you can keep part of it and live to the flesh with its evil passions and desires? Remember, if you overcome evil by doing good for God daily, you will abide forever (Psalm 37:27). □

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Satan Worship in the Time of Christ

At the time Jesus Christ began to preach His life changing message to a people who professed God, people were actually worshiping Satan because their lives denied Him (Titus 1:16). Why would Satan worship, in the time of Christ, be of interest to us today? Because it is going on today. People's eyes are closed to what is going on all around them (2 Tim. 2:26). Only by knowing the past, can we be warned not to repeat history in the future.

How were people worshiping Satan in Christ's day? They professed God with their mouths. They went to their places of building worship. They sang songs to God. They prayed publicly to God. They sometimes spoke of the high ideals of God and that they should be like Him, but they didn't obey God because they were following what men preached and the ideas and traditions of men (Gal. 4:10-11). As a result, people lost sight of what God wanted. He wanted daily holiness to the Lord.

'In vain do they worship me, declares the Lord God Almighty.'

"In vain do they worship me," declares the Lord God Almighty (Matt. 15:9). Why do they worship in vain? Because of men. God hates traditions of men. Why? Because traditions teach people to neglect the commandments of God (Mark 7:6-8). People were literally replacing the actions that pleased God with the traditions established by man. As a result, God Himself poured a deep spiritual sleep over them. He sealed the Bible and did not allow them to understand it (Is. 29:10-12; 2 Cor. 4:3-4).

A person might argue that this is not true today, that millions of people now read and understand the word of God. Then why don't they obey it? Why are there more hearers of the word than doers (James 1:22, 25)? Is it because they don't know what to do? If they were doing what the Bible said to do, wouldn't there just be one religion instead of thousands of Christ-professing

religions? Would there be a need for state and federal welfare if the churches were doing their jobs and meeting the needs of those without food, clothing and shelter?

The very same thing that is happening today was happening in Jesus Christ's day, and for that matter, even in Isaiah's day. Those practicing religious traditions were not obeying God. Satan and his followers, the fallen angels, know there is a God and they tremble, but then don't obey Him (James 2:19). Religious leaders and their followers know there is a God, but they are not trembling nor are they obeying Him.

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God wants holy lives. God wants perfect lives. God wants sinless lives. God wants those who discipline themselves for the purpose of godliness. God wants us to make all our ways perfect before Him. Do you know how this is done? If not, you haven't heard the simple true gospel message. Jesus Christ said His Way is easy and pleasant, and that keeping His commandments is not hard (Matt. 11:30; 1 John 5:3).

The commandments are kept by walking in them (2 John 4, 6; 1 John 2:3-4, 7). Ephesians 2:10 makes it resoundingly clear that we walk in the commandments by doing good works. Matthew 5:16 makes it resoundingly clear that God the Father is not only glorified by good works, but that is how we let our lights shine.

No wonder Paul cautions true believers to be careful to engage in good works in Titus 3:8. If you don't practice righteousness for God by doing good works, who are you worshipping (1 John 3:10, 12, 18; 2:29)? ☐

Letter From the Editor

Dear *Whole Wheat* Readers,

"If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the results of a hundred battles." This famous quote from the book, *The Art of War* has been used by military strategists all over the world and is very true, in one particular way. Long before this quote became famous, Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 2:11, "So that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes."

When God opened up my eyes and mind to His truth and how He wants us to live, I was stunned at how ignorant I was. So stunned I wanted to go back to my Christian college and get my money back - every penny! The more I lived this life, the more I discovered Satan's schemes and how he hides himself, and his ways, in our everyday life. That is what this issue of *Whole Wheat* is all about.

The Angel Who Fell reveals who Satan is and why He fell. He fell because of an emotion. That emotion morphed into a characteristic, common among many humans. If we are made aware of this emotion, and its outcome when it rears its ugly head in us, then we have the fighting chance of overcoming it - before it overcomes us.

In *Satan Says*, we learn many of his lies. This reminds me of the time I heard, "God has made it harder to get into hell than into heaven." I heard that whopper of a lie in a big church, by a popular minister one time, and all the people in the congregation yelled out in agreement, "Hallelujah brother, Amen!" I nearly fell out of my seat! Find out what other whoppers are being told and believed today in the Christian world in our article: *Satan Alive &*

Well. Yeah, Satan is alive and well and coming as the world ruler in the near future as it warns us in this article, but, he also resides within us, in our flesh (Rom 12:21). He is that justification and sick excuse we hear in our own voice why we can't do good when we know we should (Gen. 4:7; James 4:17). Just start doing good for God each day and you will shortly discover that, "Oh yeah, he is surely alive and well."

Then we ask the intriguing question: *Are Satan & God Working Together?* Why doesn't God just destroy Satan? A lot of people ponder that question, and I was one of them many years ago before I learned the truth of God's Ways. This article gives the answer to the question unknown in the world today. Satan has been around for a long time and desires to be worshipped. So even in the New Testament there was *Satan Worship in the Time of Christ* and this article will shed more light on it. History does repeat itself and it's repeating itself today, as it did in ancient times, and as Solomon said...there is nothing new under the sun (Eccl. 1:9).

It is my hope and prayer that this issue will open your eyes and mind as to how Satan disguises himself in his many forms (2 Cor. 11:14). Then, God willing, you will be able to discern what is of God, and what is of Satan (Heb. 5:14). This way you will not be destroyed for lack of knowledge because you will know the enemy well (Hosea 4:6).

In His Love,

Scott

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Did Satan tempt Christ (Matt. 4:1)? Did Satan want to sift Peter as wheat (Luke 22:31)? Did Satan enter Judas? Did Satan hinder the apostles? Was Simon Magus bound by Satan? Are all people who are not obedient to God held captive by Satan to do his will (2 Tim. 2:26)? Can you be tempted by Satan if you have withheld or refused relations with your spouse (1 Cor. 7:5)? Can Satan harm you if you don't have on the full armor of God, which is prayer, Bible study and good works? Did the apostles turn over backsliding, unrepentant believers to Satan for the destruction of their flesh (1 Cor. 5:5)?

Do many who are the sons of the devil claim that God is dead, while their ruler god is quite alive (John 14:30)? Are sons of the devil those who do evil while sons of God are those who do good for God (1 John 3:7-8)? Is Satan coming with great wrath shortly before the return of Christ because he knows his rule is coming to an end? Will he then be restrained for a thousand years and then be let loose at the end of 1,000 years—proving he is not restrained now (Rev. 20:1-2, 7-8)?

Does the Bible say our struggle is not against people of the world but against the rulers, powers and the spiritual forces of darkness? Could this be demons of wickedness in the heavenly places (Eph. 6:12)?

Satan is still the ruler of this world, his demons are rulers and he has the majority of the world religiously deceived (Dan. 10:20; Rev. 2:12-13). Satan has not lost his power, nor have his demons.

Doesn't Satan have ministers who are false ministers? Wouldn't they include ministers of men, set up by men, to teach the doctrines of men? Aren't we told to beware of these wolves in sheep's clothing (Matt. 10:16; 7:15)?

The Bible warns believers to be on guard because Satan is prowling about on this earth seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8-9). Yes, Satan is alive and well, and we must resist him and be alert at all times so that we are not deceived by him and devoured by him. This is a sobering truth and we should not take it lightly! ☐



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