

Answers!

Lesson #15

Question #29: **Why did God create Satan (the Devil)?**

Answer: **He didn't. God created Lucifer, who - of his own free will - became Satan.**

Key verse:

Ezekiel 28:12-19, "Son of man, take up a lamentation upon **the king of Tyrus**, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering... the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: ... Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee." (Also read **verses 16-19**.)

Explanation:

The "king of Tyrus" is a "type" (or representation) of Satan, a principality and power of spiritual wickedness in high places (see **Ephesians 6:12**). Notice how God made Lucifer perfect, until Lucifer became a self-created, self-willed sinner. Lucifer's original sin was pride, triggered by his beauty.

Isaiah 14:12-13, "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, **I will** ascend into heaven, **I will** exalt my throne above the stars of God: **I will** sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:" (Also read **verses 14-17**.)

The name "Lucifer" means "light-bearer." He was the most dazzling, brilliant, angelic creature God ever made. But his pride brought him down to nothing, and his self-will shows his rebellion against God's authority in his life.

Lucifer, the fallen angel, is called Satan ("adversary") 49 times in the Bible and the Devil ("slanderer, false accuser") 29 times in the New Testament. There has been a long war between God and Satan since his fall and rebellion. Satan started this war. Man is in the midst of it. See **Ephesians 6:11** and **2 Timothy 2:26**.

Further Notes:

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Question #30: **What will happen to the severely handicapped, or those with Down syndrome, autism, etc. in eternity?**

Answer: **We don't know on a case-by-case basis, but we know God is fair, and always does right.**

Explanation:

The gospel must be understood from the heart in order for someone to be converted:

Matthew 13:15, "For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should **understand with their heart**, and should be converted, and I should heal them.."

See also **John 12:40** and **Acts 28:27**.

There are some born so severely handicapped that they cannot understand with the heart. Conversion may be impossible. Others, not so handicapped, have been gloriously saved. We do not know who can or cannot - that is in God's domain. It is our business to do all we can to try and reach everyone, and leave the results to God.

Further Explanation:

If a person cannot understand with the heart and be converted, he or she would probably fall into the same category as a baby or child who dies before the age of accountability. This was the case with David's infant son (**2 Samuel 12:23**). David was sure he would see his child again in Heaven (**Psalms 23:6**).

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