

Why Did God Create Satan?

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INTRODUCTION

Why did God create the devil? The answer is simple: He didn't!

Yet, why did God, who knows the end from the beginning (Isaiah 46:10), create Lucifer, the brightest and most beautiful angel, knowing he would become the manifestation of evil? Why did He create the angels that would fall with Lucifer (one third of them, according to Revelation 12:4)? And why would the omniscient God create Adam and Eve, knowing they would fall?

The answer is in Psalm 18:30, which says that God's ways are perfect. He created all things perfectly. In a perfect environment in heaven, however, a prehistoric angelic contest started when Satan (who was Lucifer) rebelled against God. And in a perfect environment on earth, that angelic conflict led to the historic consequences of Adam and Eve's fall.

Often, when we speak with unbelievers about the gospel, we hear questions such as

“Why do children suffer? Why do people get cancer?” Few Christians have very good answers from the Bible. The truth is this:

God has an absolute will for heaven and earth (Psalm 135:6); yet, along with a perfect creation, God gave the gift of free volition—first to the angels and then to mankind.

This booklet will show that because of God’s gift, we have a right to self-determination. We have the right to privacy and the power to make choices, decisions, and determinations in every aspect of our lives. If our choices violate the law of God or the law of the land, we have consequences to pay. But on Calvary, the debt for sin was paid in full. Now God has set before us a choice between life and death, blessing and cursing (Deuteronomy 30:19).

Chapter One

VOLITION AND AUTHORITY

With free volition comes tremendous responsibility to make decisions that do not hurt others. Why would God give the angels and the human race free volition if He knew that we would use it to go against Him? There is a very good reason. God isn't interested in being worshipped by robots who are merely going through the motions with a "form of godliness, but denying the power thereof" (2 Timothy 3:5).

On the other hand, who would want to be a puppet, a product of *eggastrimuthos*, one of the demon armies of Satan (Isaiah 8:19)? That Greek word simply refers to someone who voices what comes to them through demons, such as ventriloquists do with their dummies, for example. Few would enjoy being a puppet—subject to someone else who does all the thinking and all the talking.

Satan—who weakened the nations, turned

the world into a wilderness, and destroyed cities (Isaiah 14:12; Ezekiel 28:17)—was beautiful until iniquity was found in his heart (Ezekiel 28:15). As Lucifer, the angel who guarded the throne of God, he was deceived by his own beauty and wisdom in the brightness of his reasoning. Through arrogance (which was the original sin), he exalted himself and determined that he would not submit to authority. He was cast out of heaven as “profane” (Ezekiel 28:16), irreverent and defiling the purity of heaven.

On earth, we have legitimate authority which protects our privacy, our personal life, our property, and our happiness. That is the purpose of the government and national entity. But when we submit to God’s authority, we receive God’s life and are protected from the powerful influence of Satan and his demons. Unfortunately, some Christians act as if they do not believe Satan is working, so they go through hell on earth.

Satan’s Prehistoric Attitude

God cannot, will not, has not, and does not coerce a person’s free volition. Free volition was God’s first gift to the angels and to the human race. Therefore, God does not force His will upon anyone. He has an absolute will, but in His

absolute will, He allows men to exercise *their* will.

Satan took his prehistoric mental attitude of arrogance and rebellion to earth. "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven," Jesus said in Luke 10:18. And when he fell, Satan fell to the earth.

The devil, the father of lies, was here when Adam and Eve were perfect, and he disguised himself as a serpent (see Genesis 3). "You shall not surely die," he told Eve, about eating fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. "God never said you would die! When you eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, your eyes will be opened and you will be as gods, knowing good and evil."

The Blame Game

Eve looked and saw that the tree was pleasant for food, good to eat, and desirable to give her wisdom. She took it and then gave it to Adam. Their eyes were opened, and they saw that they were naked. Self-conscious for the first time and wanting to cover their nakedness, they sewed together fig leaves as aprons.

Later, "in the cool of the day" (late afternoon), the Lord came to teach them doctrine as He did

regularly.

“Where art thou?” God asked.

“I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.”

Then came those questions: “Why did you do it, Eve?” She blamed the serpent, and God said, “Satan you are cursed. You are cursed above all the beasts of the field and you shall forever crawl on your belly in the dust.

“Why did you do it, Adam?” Of course, just as so many men do today, he told God it was because of Eve, “the wife *You* gave to me!” You may laugh, but that is a true story. In fact, the entire chapter of Genesis 3 is very real and pertinent for today. The evidence remains: Eve was cursed with pain in childbirth, and women still have pain when they deliver children. Also, men still labor by the sweat of their brow, battling the ground that brings forth its problems—droughts, thorns, and thistles.

Chapter Two

COSMIC INFLUENCES

“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:

“I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High” (Isaiah 14:12-14).

God did not create the devil. He created Lucifer, the star of the morning, a beautiful creature filled with wisdom who was the guardian of worship and the teacher of doctrine to the angels of heaven. But by his volition, in his amazing beauty and wisdom, Lucifer said “I will...” five times. His desire was to rise up to be as the Most High. What’s more, he was able to convince one third of the angels to take his side against God.

Today, the entire world system is under Satan's influence (1 John 5:19). He has established a cosmic system of philosophy that has spread through Ivy League colleges and into many high schools. It is a philosophy of religious humanism, made by man, for man, to deify man, and to remove God from our consciousness. This philosophy also mixes, twists, and distorts the Scriptures. It brings in music that discredits God and distorts the emotions of young people, as it brings negative vibrations of demons into the world. Satan's system takes away the amazing beauty of the family and the sacredness of marriage. He is able to accomplish this through wrong choices people make with their free will that was given by God.

We live in a very dangerous world. The god of the entire world is Satan (2 Corinthians 4:4a). He is the prince of the power of the air, and he is the one who deceives the minds of everyone who has bought into his lie.

From Antagonist to Accuser

First, the devil causes people to become antagonistic toward God's plan, God's purpose, His ways, and His nature. But most of all, Satan hates God's Word and is antagonistic toward it.

Those who follow Satan mock God's Word and put it behind their backs.

The world is filled with very real spirits of antagonism, arrogance, and deceitfulness. That is why the Lord Jesus Christ came down to earth in His incarnation. In His hypostatic union, He was both God and man at once. Though He was Deity, He came as a man to take on Satan with His humanity. Tempted in His humanity by Satan, Jesus overcame him. How? He lived by every word of God (Matthew 4:4). Jesus Christ came as a man in the weakness of human flesh, but without sin. He was the prototype for every child of God who will ever live.

Today, Satan stirs up accusations against God whenever God allows men to reap the consequences of natural choices. For example, some women who were impure before marriage cannot enjoy sex with their husband. Satan has degraded them based upon their defilement in the past. Ezekiel 28:18 says the devil defiles the sanctuaries by the multitude of his iniquities.

It is vital, though, for everyone who has received those accusations to hear what God has to say on the subject. The moment we believed and received Christ as our Saviour, we became absolutely clean, purified by faith (Acts 15:9).

Regardless of any woman's background, when she believes, she becomes just as pure as a virgin. If the husband has been down the road of promiscuity, he can believe and become absolutely pure. Still, Satan tries to keep men and women from accepting their true liberation and freedom by causing them to live in the "truth" about the past, which is a lie according to the Finished Work.

"The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn thee.

"Again, I will build thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel: thou shalt again be adorned with thy tabrets, and shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry" (Jeremiah 31:3-4).

Israel was worshipping idols when God called her a "virgin." He saw her in His Finished Work and His grace in the process of her transition and in the process of her changing.

Hell's Four-Step Program

Satan, on the other hand, comes in and offers mankind four "gifts" to lure us into his scheme to attack God: arrogance as a defense mecha-

nism; human viewpoint, so men go their own way (Isaiah 53:6); psychological living through the soul instead of the human spirit, without God and God's truth; and private interpretation of the Bible according to feelings and emotions.

Satan goes around seeking those who are not living in resurrection power, whose minds have not been crucified with Christ. These people he can devour (1 Peter 5:8).

Because he cannot possess any believer, Satan uses demonic influences to cause demonic obsessions (Ephesians 2:1-2). He comes in with counterfeit Christianity through self-righteousness. He establishes false standards that are not God's standards at all.

Satan hates the grace of God! He despises forgiveness; he rejects reconciliation; he refuses the principle of restoration. He is against the believer having peace, and he doesn't want us to be able to execute the authority of God's love or the authority of a Finished Work provision by Jesus Christ. But remember the gift! Through our free volition, we have both the right and the authority to resist the enemy (1 Peter 5:8-9).

It is time for God's people to take authority over Satan. It is time to take authority over his lies (John 8:44). Let's take authority over the way

he assassinates the emotions and attacks the bodies of believers and causes many to become sick through a hundred different demonic causes.

Chapter Three

STAND IN GRACE, CONFESS TRUTH

It is time for God's people to define and discern Satan and his prehistoric ways that were revealed in eternity past. It is time that we define what happened with Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden. She was completely deceived, and Adam went along with her without resistance.

It is time that we learn to stand in the grace of God and with our mouths confess our victory and Satan's defeat. It is time to start confessing by faith our healing and our victory over sin. It is time to admit that we have power over immorality, power over mental pornography, and power over the deceitfulness of hypocrisy.

Make a stand with God! Stand on His side as God's children in Satan's cosmic world system. Represent Jesus Christ and His Kingdom on earth.

We should wake up every morning and say,

“I am in Christ and Christ is in me.” Satan hates the fact that every sin we have ever committed has been paid for forever! Jesus Christ has placed every record of our sins in the depths of the sea, and no one can enter that place (Micah 7:19). If anyone tries to find out those sins, He just says, “Get out of here. You cannot enter. There is no entrance, and that place is forbidden.”

Things Satan Hates

Satan calls God unjust because God will not impute sin to us. Yes, God will discipline us. He chastises us to bring peace back into our lives, but He will not impute sin to us (Romans 4:7-8). Oh, Satan despises this fact.

Satan hates the fact that when God forgives, He forgets. He hates that God is patient, waiting for every man to come to repentance through His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering (Romans 2:4), because God is not willing that any should perish (2 Peter 3:9). Satan despises God for not dealing with our sin beyond Redemption.

“You dealt with us by sending me and one third of the angels to hell, without any chance for mercy” the devil accuses God. “You prepared hell for us with an everlasting fire (Matthew 25:41). Yet, You let the human race be-

lieve in Christ as their Savior—just believe—and You justify them while they are ungodly (Romans 4:5)! You set them apart and justify them without works and apart from the Law. It's not fair!"

Satan twists the Scriptures as he argues against God, "You say, 'Blessed are those whose iniquities are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord won't impute sin.' That is what *You* say. That is not justice, and it is not right. That's why I have started religious movements throughout the world, based on a works system with standards of self-righteousness."

Have you ever met someone who is self-righteous? Have you ever been self-righteous? After seeing someone fail, have you ever thought, "I hope he gets it!"? That is a satanic attitude. God wants those who fail, to come back to Him and go on (Proverbs 24:16; Micah 7:7-8).

Give the Battle to God

According to Jude 9, there was a dispute over Moses' body after he died. Michael the archangel would not accuse the devil pertaining to it, but he let the Lord handle it. When God created the angelic host to serve the Trinity, He

maintained order in heaven's government by assigning them positions according to rank. And even though Lucifer had been banished from his position as the chief over all the angels, Michael was still lower than Lucifer in rank, therefore he could not take on the devil. So what did he say? "The Lord rebuke thee."

"Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves... for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord" (see Romans 12:19). If your enemy is hungry, feed him. That way, you will heap coals of fire upon his head (see Romans 12:20). In other words, Jesus is saying, "Turn your problems over to Me."

Yet, so often we refuse to trust God in the circumstances we face. A wife tries to fight her husband instead of turning him over to the Lord while she remains with a meek and quiet spirit (1 Peter 3:4). The husband continues to have conflicts with his wife instead of completely turning her over to God.

If we refuse to operate with the mind of Christ, we can't see beyond our problem. Yet, God sees the end from the beginning. Our understanding is limited by time and space, but His ways are past finding out. His plan and His provision are always perfect.

Chapter Four

PUT SATAN ON THE RUN

“Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:

“Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing; but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing....

“For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil” (1 Peter 3:8-9, 12).

It is difficult to get people to turn things over to God. Of course, to keep order, there must be a table of organization to administrate proper procedures in governments, businesses, schools, and churches. But when it comes to the battles we face, we need to turn them over to Jesus Christ. Don't fight with words. Don't fight with angry countenances. Don't fight because it is

your volitional right. Turn things over to Jesus Christ and let Him do what is absolutely right with His proper authority. He will handle the consequences of choices by allowing whatever is needed to correct the situation.

With self-determination, with the right to protect privacy, property, and sacred happiness, God wants His people to be blessed. He doesn't want us to argue; He doesn't want to see hostility or antagonism toward another brother or sister. He doesn't want arrogance. He wants us to love as brethren, to have good emotions, and to let Him take over and be our spiritual leader and our spiritual head (Ephesians 5:1-2).

Jesus is saying to us, "All power is given to Me on earth and in heaven. I want you to use your volition to accept Satan's defeat. I want you to be free from demonic attacks of diseases. I want you to be totally free of emotional harassment and sublimation. I want you to be able to have the joy of the Lord as your strength. Communicate My life so that Satan will run and flee" (see James 4:7).

God Almighty can control our hearts individually through the Word of God to make Satan flee.

So that the Word of God can operate freely,

people need to confess God's truth about marriage and family. The moment we are saved, we are made as righteous as God is (Galatians 3:22). Nothing can separate us in any way from God's love (Romans 8:35-39). Therefore, go forward with practical obedience to faith and exercise your authority as a child of God and an heir to the riches of His kingdom.

We are not victims: Satan is. We are not the ones who are destined for hell: Satan is. We are not under his feet: Satan is under our feet (Ephesians 1:22-23). The devil doesn't have the Word, which is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword (Hebrews 4:12). He hates every word of God and is antagonized by Christians who use it. Satan will try anything he can to get rid of those people and their testimonies.

Accept Abundant Life

Christians need to wake up from their spiritual slumbering and begin to walk circumspectly (Romans 13:11; Ephesians 5:15). When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we are filled with authority. When we are filled with God's Word, we are filled with the power that makes the devil run—as he did from Jesus in Matthew 4:10 when Christ proclaimed for the third time,

“It is written....”

It is time that we accept the life that is ours—the abundant life, the overflowing life. It is a healthy, healing, wholesome, and positive life. It is a peaceful life in which we go forward and not backward. Even if we fail and do go backward at certain moments, we can still go forward through rebound.

Fear that comes through projections and feelings has no place in the love of God (1 John 4:18). Deuteronomy 28 outlines the blessings for obedience and the curses for disobedience among God’s people, Israel. Several times in Deuteronomy, God commanded his people to “Fear not.” Still, except for Joshua and Caleb and those under twenty years of age, the entire nation was kept from entering into the Promised Land because of their unbelief and rebellion against God. His curse contains the Hebrew word *shiggaon* in Deuteronomy 28:28, which means madness. That whole nation was filled with madness because they were arrogant, antagonistic, preoccupied with self, trapped in psychological living. They resorted to human viewpoint in going against the authority of Moses and the Word of God.

We can have a life just as good as we want if

we will just be willing to think right and meditate the right way on the Word of God. If we will relate to the Cross daily, if we will accept the fullness of God's grace and give it out, if we will become subjects in whom the love of God is shed abroad, if we will use our tongues as silver tongues to confess Satan's defeat and our victory, then we will see our enemy as God does: defeated! There may be brief times of testing and trials, but still we have no idea of the authority and power that will be ours if we will simply obey God.

Get Excited! Pray and Believe

Be excited in prayer. Say, "I believe." Say, "I will." Say, "God did it." Go forward. Take some steps to reveal the fact that Resurrection power has healed your body, your mind, your soul, your heart, your family, your business, your marriage, and your potential. Let God heal your emotions so that you won't have to use drugs and you won't need alcohol because you have Jesus instead.

We can give Satan the worst time he has ever had. Let's recognize that he is walking about seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8). Say to the devil, "You are a loser! You are not going

to stay around me. I will submit to God and to His authority, and I resist you. James 4:7 says that you have to flee, so get out of here—and I mean it! I have authority over you.”

“Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?” (Song of Solomon 6:10). This is how God sees His people, always winning victory after victory. We don’t have to be people who live in what appears to be a defeat when our faith will overcome in a moment, and God’s love will give us communion instantly.

CONCLUSION

God did *not* create Satan. Lucifer had a choice, and he chose to go against God's authority. We also have a choice.

We do not have to ponder the negative when we have everything positive—the Finished Work, Holy Spirit power, and the living Word of God. When we pray, let's believe. When we talk, let's express that we are going forward. Walk in the knowledge that every place the sole of our feet shall touch is ours, just as it was for Joshua (Joshua 1:3).

Satan won't try to devour anyone who makes him look like a weakling and causes him to flee. As Christians, that is what we can do. We have resurrection power in our human spirits that becomes resident in our souls. Let's not stop short of believing! We can demonstrate the Holy Spirit's power and authority in the will of God. The Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead dwells in us and will quicken our mortal bodies (Ro-

mans 8:11). Meditate on that verse, and let it bring in God's resurrection energy.

Father, we pray that You will heal all manner of illnesses as we recognize Your authority. Heal us from the bondage of Satan and from accusations within that say we are not as good as someone else. Let us enjoy our victory by faith, just as we did at the point of salvation. We ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.