

# THE TRUTH

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## Lesson 6 - The Truth About Lucifer

Our world is a world consumed with war, famine, and poverty. A world that is writhing in sickness, disease and death. Rising from this troubled planet is the persistent question, "Why?" If God is a God of love, *why* is there so much suffering in our world? *Why* do the good suffer, as well as the bad?

The Bible allows us to look behind the scenes into this great controversy between good and evil. Today's lesson will provide a clear answer to who is responsible for this world's suffering and will reveal God's ultimate solution to the problem.

### THE GENESIS

1. With whom did sin originate? [1 John 3:8] Ans. The \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Sin originated with him who, next to Christ, had been most honored of God and who stood highest in power and glory among the inhabitants of heaven.

2. What was his original name? [Isaiah 14:12] Ans. \_\_\_\_\_, The name "Lucifer" comes from the latin word "Lux," " \_\_\_\_\_ " and "Ferre," " \_\_\_\_\_ "

### HIS POSITION

3. Which position did Lucifer hold in heaven? [Ezekiel 28:12] Ans. The \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Before his fall, Lucifer was first of the covering cherubs, holy and undefiled. He was one of the mighty angels whom God had chosen to stand next to His throne. In the holy of holies of the earthly sanctuary there stood what was called the Ark of the Covenant. The cover of the Ark was beaten out of one piece of gold to form the figures of two beautiful golden angels. These angels were called "covering cherubim." Cherubim is the plural of cherub. They were called "covering cherubim" because they covered the mercy seat which was the top of this sacred chest. Between these angels was the Holy Shekinah or the visible manifestation of the presence of God. [Psalm 80:1]

### DISCONTENTMENT

4. Was Lucifer content with his position? [Ezekiel 28:17; Isaiah 14:13-14] Ans. \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Little by little he began to indulge the desire for greatness. Although all his glory was from God, this mighty angel began to give himself credit for it. Not content with his position, he soon found himself coveting another's. He began to glory in his own brightness and beauty.

5. Where did Lucifer desire to put his throne? [Isaiah 14:12-14] Ans. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_



of darkness, which describes the darkness surrounding Satan and his angels when they were separated from God and heaven.

**10. Who invited Satan to our planet? [Genesis 1:28; 3:1-6] Ans.** \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

No longer free to stir up rebellion in heaven, Satan's hatred against God found a new field of operation in plotting the ruin of the human race. God had seen fit to lay upon Adam and Eve but one prohibition as a test of their loyalty and obedience. Satan waited for an opportunity to plant in their minds seeds of doubt about their Creator. Although Satan had done nothing for their happiness and well being, while God had given them everything that was good for food and pleasant to the sight, Adam and Eve chose to believe the words of a serpent (or so they believed him to be), rather than those of their Creator. Everywhere the eye rested was abundance and beauty. Yet in the midst of this natural affluence, they began to wonder if God was holding out on them.

**11. As a result of man's fall, what does Satan as his claim as his? [Luke 4:5-6; 2 Corinthians 4:4] Ans.** The \_\_\_\_\_

God Himself had appointed Adam the governor of this world, its king and its ruler. **[Genesis 1:28]** As soon as Adam was overcome, the deceiver claimed the dominion of this planet. Read of the council held in heaven and Satan's claim that he was in charge of this world. **[Job 1:6-8]** The sons of God mentioned here must be the representatives of other inhabited worlds. Adam, too, was called a "Son of God." **[Luke 3:38]** Had he remained loyal, no doubt he would have represented this planet in heaven's councils, but when he sold his allegiance to Satan, he also lost his kingship.

### SATANS LAST DECEPTION

**12. What is Satan's number one deception, in regards to himself and his fallen angels? Ans.** He wants us to believe that they \_\_\_\_\_

As we approach the close of time, when Satan is to work with greatest power to deceive and destroy, he spreads everywhere the belief that he does not exist. It is his policy to conceal himself and his manner of working. **[Great Controversy, 516]**

**NOTE:** There are some Pastors that are teaching that the word devil in the Bible denotes a mere abstract principle to evil. However, the New Testament mentions the devil in 34 places and mentions Satan in 37. Therefore, you have \_\_\_\_\_ direct proofs in the Bible for the existence of the devil / Satan.

### UNDERSTANDING SATAN'S METHODS OF WORKING

**13. Whose devices should we not be ignorant of? [2 Corinthians 2:11] Ans.** \_\_\_\_\_

So long as we are ignorant of their wiles, they have almost inconceivable advantage; many give heed to their suggestions while they suppose themselves to be following the dictates of their own wisdom. **[Great Controversy, 516]**

The world has no just conception of Satan. He is not thought of as the prince of the world, the general of a vast rebellion, a being who is logical and philosophical, possessing a powerful intellect. But thus it is. The adversary of God and leader in the great controversy waged against the world's Redeemer, his

deceptive powers have been sharpened by constant practice; and in the final crisis he will deceive to their own ruin those who do not now seek to understand his methods of working. [EG White, July 16, 1901]

- Satan works through \_\_\_\_\_ [Ezekiel 28:13]
- Satan works \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ [2 Thess. 2:3-12]
- Satan works through the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ [Eph. 2:2; Job 1:13-22]

Satan works through the elements also to garner his harvest of unprepared souls. He has studied the secrets of the laboratories of nature, and he uses all his power to control the elements as far as God allows... Even now he is at work. In accidents and calamities by sea and by land, in great conflagrations, in fierce tornadoes and terrific hailstorms, in tempests, floods, cyclones, tidal waves, and earthquakes, in every place and in a thousand forms, Satan is exercising his power. He sweeps away the ripening harvest, and famine and distress follow. He imparts to the air a deadly taint, and thousands perish by the pestilence. These visitations are to become more and more frequent and disastrous. Destruction will be upon both man and beast. [Great Controversy, 589]

- Satan works through \_\_\_\_\_ [Revelation 12:4]

Satan delights in war, for it excites the worst passions of the soul and then sweeps into eternity its victims steeped in vice and blood. It is his object to incite the nations to war against one another, for he can thus divert the minds of the people from the work of preparation to stand in the day of God. [Great Controversy, 589]

- Satan can \_\_\_\_\_ humans and cause bodily \_\_\_\_\_ [Luke 13:10-17]

If permitted, they can distract our minds, disorder and torment our bodies, destroy our possessions and our lives. Their only delight is in misery and destruction. [Great Controversy, 517]

## HIS END

**14. What does the devil know about his end?** [Revelation 12:12; Ezekiel 28:16-19; Romans 16:20]

**Ans.** That it is \_\_\_\_\_

**15. How can we overcome the devil?** [1 Corinthians 15:57]

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ [Rev. 12:11]
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ [Ephesians 6:10-18]

**NOTE:** The devil has led every person who ever lived in this world into sin excepting one, the Lord Jesus Christ. He was tempted in all points like as we are yet, without sin. Jesus met the devil in hand-to-hand conflict and conquered him. He says in John 16:33, "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." As Christ overcame the devil and sin, we through Christ can overcome the devil and sin. There is victory over sin for everyone if he will only look to Jesus Christ. "Look unto me," he says, "and be you saved all the ends of the earth."