

What About Creation #10

Where is God?

I remember the day when I got the bad news. I was so busy playing computer games over the modem that I would not even say good bye to my Mom and Brother as they left for his basketball game. The modem plus the caller I.D. on our phone line caused the game to pause every time someone called. I refused to give up playing the game but someone was determined to get through. Finally I gave up and stopped the game to answer the phone. It was for my Dad. The nurse on the phone said "you need to get him and head over here right away. Your Mom and Brother were in a serious car accident." My Father rushed over and He was in tears. I have never seen my Dad cry. He saw the car. He said it was impossible for someone to survive that wreckage. At the hospital we found out both were in comas. The situation was serious. I remember thinking where is God? If He is so good, why does all this bad stuff happen? My Brother bounced back quickly. My Mother on the other hand was left permanently brain damaged. Even though both survived, something else died...my faith in God

How did all this start?

Who sinned from the beginning? (1 John 3:8) He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

What happened in heaven because of sin? (Rev 12:7-9) And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Why did he fall? (Isaiah 14:12-15) "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.

Lucifer had an "I" problem. He decided to live according to the law of pride instead of the law of love.

Did God create Lucifer sinful or perfect? (Ezek 28:13-15) You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes was prepared for you on the day you were created. "You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; you were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you.

Why did Lucifer become prideful? Because of his sin what will happen? (Ezek 28:16-19) "By the abundance of your trading You became filled with violence within, And you sinned; Therefore I cast you as a profane thing Out of the mountain of God; And I destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the fiery stones. "Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, That they might gaze at you. "You defiled your sanctuaries by the multitude of your iniquities, by the iniquity of your trading; therefore I brought fire from your midst; it devoured you, and I turned you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all who saw you. All who knew you among the peoples are astonished at you; you have become a horror, and shall be no more forever.""

What does this have to do with us?

What was the world like when God made it? (Genesis 1:31) Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

What was the test for Adam and Eve? (Gen. 2:15-17) And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Did they pass the test?(Gen. 3:1-6) Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

Notice the first sermon of Satan included three elements. 1st is that one can doubt the word of God. 2nd is that one will never die. 3rd is that we can become God. These form the main doctrines of satanic religion.

How does their sin affect us?(Rom. 5:12) Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned

What is the effect of sin? (Isaiah 59:2) But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.

Why do bad things happen to good people? Why hypocrites? Read Matthew 13:24-30 and Matthew 13:37-40. IT talks about a good wheat field where an enemy plants tares (weeds). Satan's favorite place to have his people is in the church. That way he wins when he can use them to keep us from going to church.

Where do bad things sometimes come from? (Luke 13:12-16) But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day." The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound -- think of it -- for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath? For further study on this answer read the first three chapter of the book of Job.

Where also do bad things come from? (Gal 6:7) Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

Sometimes our choice leads to bad things. For example is it God's fault that a smoker gets lung cancer?

Where is God when we sin?

What did Adam and Eve do right after they sinned? Who went looking for them? (Gen. 3:8-9) And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"

What promise did God give to the human race? (Gen. 3:15) And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

The seed who would have his heel bruised would be the Messiah. This is the first prophecy of Jesus in the Bible

What also did God do to symbolize Jesus? (Gen. 3:21) Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them. God had to sacrifice an animal to make the tunics of skin. Jesus had to die to give us our robes to wear in heaven.

When does God die for us? (Rom. 5:8) But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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A young lady just finished her night class and was heading home. Realizing she was out of gas, she pulled over to refill. She went inside to pay, then walked out to the car. A big burly truck driver saw her and started yelling and running at her. Freaked out, she jumped in her car and took off. Thinking she was off the hook, she slowed down and took a deep breath... then a semi came up right behind her and started to flash his high beams at her. She slowed down hoping the semi would pass her. The semi slowed down. So she went into the other lane and the semi followed her. Then she went back into the other lane and took off. Faster and faster she went. Finally it was her exit. The semi was still right behind her. She went as fast as she could to get home. The semi was still right there behind her. She pulled into her driveway and jumped out of her car. The semi rumbled to a halt. She was fumbling with her keys when the truck driver jumped out of his truck and started up the driveway. She froze with fright. Then the truck driver turned towards her car. He opened the door and grabbed a man with a knife who was hiding in the back seat. The whole time she was running from her savior. The problem is not where God is, it is why are we running. I am glad I stopped running. The question is: Will you?