



Where is God?

If God is Good...

How come the World is so Messed Up?

Is God Fair?



Who is Responsible?

Who Sinned from the Beginning?

- 1 John 3:8
- He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning...

What was Heaven like when Sin Entered?

- Revelation 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 14:12-14
- How are you fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weaken the nations! For you have said in you 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.

Did God Create the Devil?

- Ezekiel 28:13-15
- You were in Eden, the garden of God; ever precious stone was your covering...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 was Iniquity Found?

- Ezekiel 28:16-19
- By the abundance of your trading you became filled with violence from within, and you sinned...Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty, you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor

What Will Happen to Satan Because of Sin?

- Ezekiel 28:16-19
- I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, that they may 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 foreverwhere



What Does that Have to Do with Us?

What was the world like?

- 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.

Humanity is given a gift...free will.

- Genesis 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."

What is done with the gift?

- Genesis 3:1-3
- 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.'"

What is done with the gift?

- Genesis 3:4-5
- 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."

What is done with the gift?

- Genesis 3:6
- 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.

How does their sin affect us?

- Romans 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.

An example of how it separates

- Genesis 3:7-8
- Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked: and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. 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



Why do bad things happen to good people?

Who is responsible?

- 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?"

Who is responsible?

The Devil - the story of Job



Hypocrites?

Wheat and Weeds

Is it always the devil?

- Galatians 6:7
- Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

Good God, selfish people

- Genesis 3:11-13
- And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?” Then the man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.” And the the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” And the women said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”



What is Good and Evil Anyway?

Come on its only a piece of fruit...

Is God Merciful?

God's first response

- Genesis 3:9
- Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"

God's first promise

- Genesis 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."

God's first action

- Genesis 3:21
- Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.



Where is God?



What is so Good?



Creation, Evolution...Who Cares



What about the Creator?