

The Gospel According to John

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1. Last week I taught Joh 10:1-17 by way of the *Doctrine of the Shepherd's Psalm*. When the clock tolled 7:45 we were about to begin an analysis of Joh 10:17-21.

2. Before we continue, I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may or may not be necessary.

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4. The scribes of Jesus' day accused Him of having a demon. Let's see what we can learn about demons. By such a study maybe we can better understand where the "law keepers" got their silly idea that the Son of God had a "devil."

The Angels the Devil and Demons

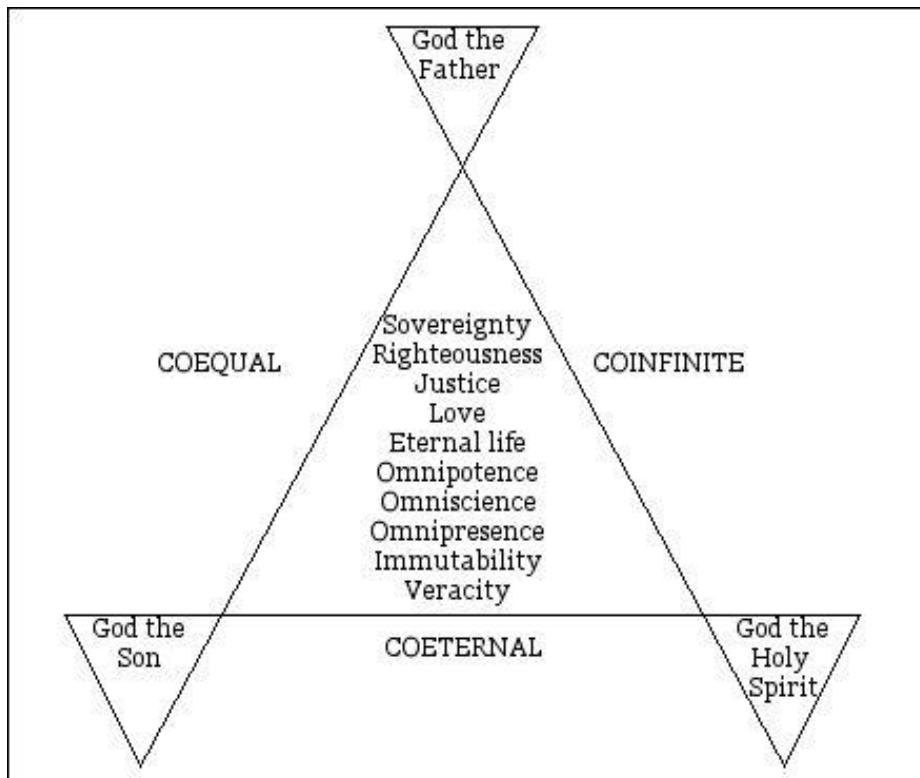
Introduction

1. Where did Lucifer come "from."

The Big Three

1. Way back in eternity past before the fall of Lucifer there were in heaven three Members of the Trinity and there were three covering angels. Let's review the relationships between the Holy Trinity and three covering angels.

2. We have learned a great deal from the Scriptures about the Trinity and their respective responsibilities and relationships to one another. Col. R.B. Thieme developed a helpful chart depicting some of what we learned.



3. It would certainly seem each member of the Trinity had His special covering angel who was made to serve. For example, the Father was served by Michael the archangel, the Holy Spirit was served by Gabriel the announcing angel thus could it be the Son was served by Lucifer the son of the morning.

4. In the Holy of Holies where the Ark of the Covenant was stored there were only two covering angels placed over the ark. Why the missing covering angel; Could it be the missing position was to teach that Lucifer rebelled and fell to planet earth and therefore was forced to give up his role as the third covering angel?

5. What further conjecture can we draw given what we know about the Trinity and their relationship to the covering angels? We are going to see under the next heading entitled "The Covering Angels" a synopsis of what the Scriptures say each angel performed. By knowing what they did we can with a great deal of certainty understand the job of each.

6. What we do know is that Lucifer fell and went to planet earth and Christ left his home in heaven and went to planet earth to save its people from their sins.

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Joh 3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Joh 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

The Covering Angels

1. Angel Michael

Dan 10:13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia ...

Dan 10:20 Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecia shall come.

Dan 10:21 But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.

1Th 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Jude 9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

Rev 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

2. Angel Lucifer

Isa 14:12 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!

Isa 14:13 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:

Isa 14:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Eze 28:13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.

Eze 28:14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

Eze 28:15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

3. Angel Gabriel

Dan 8:16 And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision.

Dan 9:21 Yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.

Luk 1:18 And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years.

Luk 1:19 And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings.

Luk 1:26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,

Luk 1:27 To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

4. One more review of what we do know about the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. From the minutes of the eternal life conference we find the Father coming up with a plan, the Son agreeing to execute the plan and the Holy Spirit agreeing to reveal the plan.

5. What was that plan designed to do, to resolve the angelic conflict and provide a plan of salvation for those who would accept it.

Minutes of the Eternal Life Conference

Isa 48:16 "Come near me and listen to this: "From the first announcement I have not spoken in secret; at the time it happens, I am there." And now the Sovereign LORD has sent me, with his Spirit.

Isa 48:17 This is what the LORD says--your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go.

6. Recall Christ has been accused of being possessed by the Devil.

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The Devil and His Subalterns

Etymology

1. "**Diabolos**, means an accuser, a slanderer" (from **Diaballo**, "to accuse, to malign"), is one of the names of Satan.

1.1 From it the English word "Devil" is derived, and should be applied only to Satan, as a proper name.

2. **Daimon** (a demon) is frequently, but wrongly, translated "devil"; it should always be translated "demon."

3. **Santanas** is a Greek word derived from the Aramaic, meaning "an adversary."

4. There is one "Devil," and there are many demons.

5. Being the malignant enemy of God he is seen accusing man to God in several Scriptures. Job 1:6-12; 2:1-5; Rev 12:9-10, Gen. 3:1-5

Job 1:6 One day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them.

Job 1:7 The LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the LORD, "From roaming through the earth and going back and forth in it."

Job 1:8 Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil."

Job 1:9 "Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied.

Job 1:10 "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land.

Job 1:11 But stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face."

Job 1:12 The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your hands, but on the man himself do not lay a finger." Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.

Job 2:1 On another day the angels came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came with them to present himself before him.

Job 2:2 And the LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the LORD, "From roaming through the earth and going back and forth in it."

Job 2:3 Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. And he still maintains his integrity, though you incited me against him to ruin him without any reason."

Job 2:4 "Skin for skin!" Satan replied. "A man will give all he has for his own life.

Job 2:5 But stretch out your hand and strike his flesh and bones, and he will surely curse you to your face.

Rev 12:9 The great dragon was hurled down -- that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

Rev 12:10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.

Gen 3:1 Now the serpent... said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

Gen 3:2 The woman said ... "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,
Gen 3:3 but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

Gen 3:4 "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman.

Gen 3:5 "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

6. There are times when you and I blame God for conditions and circumstances when in many cases it is Satan who motivated and orchestrated the scenario.

7. In many cases Satan afflicts men with physical sufferings. This we noted most recently in our study of the *Doctrine of Health and Healings*.

Acts 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

8. Satan is himself sinful and it is Satan who tempts many to sin. He often uses our Old Sin Natures.

Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

8.1 Satan knows our weaknesses; he even knows the Plan of God.

Mat 16:21-23; Act 5:3; Eph 2:2.

Mat 16:21 From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

Mat 16:22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

Mat 16:23 Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."

Act 5:3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

9. Spiritual and physical death is a product of man's sin. The "Devil" had the power of death, but Christ through His own death, has triumphed over him.

Heb 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

Heb 2:15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

9.1 Satan's power is clearly taught in his struggle with Michael over the body of Moses. Jud 1:9.

Jude 9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

9.2 Why Satan was interested in the location of Moses' body is most likely related to his later appearance with Elijah described in the 11th chapter of the Book of Revelation.

10. Judas, who gave himself over to the "Devil," was so identified with Satan. Joh 6:70; 13:2.

Joh 6:70 Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?

Joh 13:2 And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;

10.1 Also see Pastor Merritt's *Doctrine of Judas Iscariot*.

11. As the "Devil" raised himself in pride against God and fell under condemnation, so believers are warned against a similar sin. A special warning is provided to an unqualified pastor-teacher. 1Ti 3:5-7

1Ti 3:5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)

1Ti 3:6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

1Ti 3:7 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

11.1 Peter makes clear Satan is most powerful. 1Pe 5:8

1Pe 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

11.2 Those who fall into Satan's snare may recover says Paul in 2Ti 2:26,

2Ti 2:25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

2Ti 2:26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

11.3 If believers resist the devil, he will flee from them. Jam 4:7

Jam 4:7 Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

12. His fury and malignity will be especially exercised at the end of the present age. Rev 12:12

Rev 12:12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

13. Satan's doom is foretold in Mat 25:41 and Rev 20:10.

Mat 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

Rev 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

14. Believers are assured of victory over Satan in Rom 16:20

Rom 16:20 And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

15. Satan is described by both Isaiah and Ezekiel. Isa 14:12-20; Eze 28:12-15

Isa 14:12 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!

Isa 14:13 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:

Isa 14:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Isa 14:15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

Isa 14:16 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;

Isa 14:17 That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?

Isa 14:18 All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house.

Isa 14:19 But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcase trodden under feet.

Isa 14:20 Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, and slain thy people: the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned.

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16. Satan is described by John in the Book of Revelation. Rev 12:3-10

Rev 12:3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

Rev 12:4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

Rev 12:5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

Rev 12:6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

Rev 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

Rev 12:8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

Rev 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

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