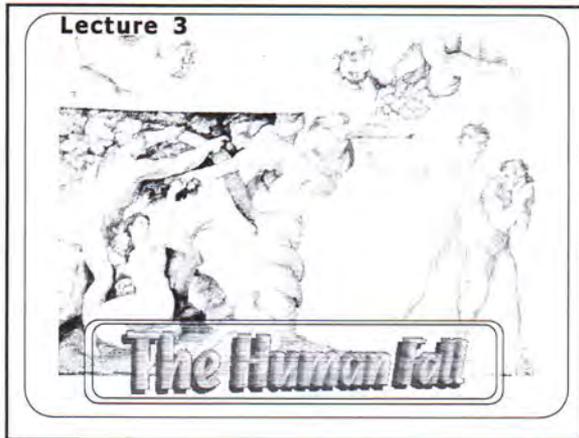


## Lecture 3



# THE HUMAN FALL

# The Human Fall



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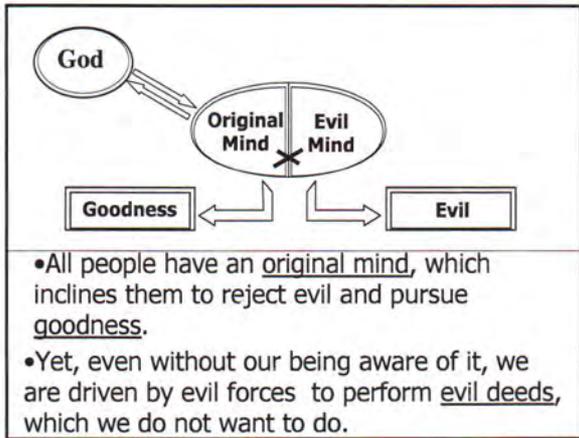
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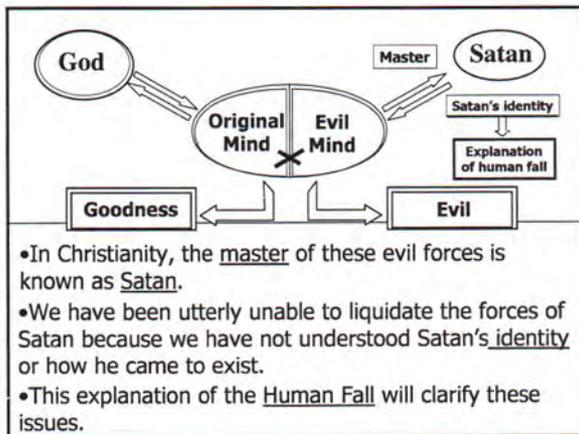
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# The Human Fall

**Root of Sin** ↔ 

No one has known the root of sin, which lies deep within and ceaselessly drives people toward the way of evil.

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**Root of Sin** ↔ 

 .....  **Eating the fruit**

On the basis of the Bible, many have believed that Adam and Eve's eating the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was the root of sin.

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**1.1 The Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil**

 **Literal or Symbolic?**

● To this day many have thought that the fruit was that of an actual tree.

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# The Human Fall

**1.1 The Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil**

- God of Love



Literal or Symbolic?

- But would God, the loving Parent of humanity, make such a destructive fruit that could cause the Fall look so attractive, and place it where His children could reach it so easily?

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**1.1 The Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil**

- God of Love
- Matthew 15:11



Literal or Symbolic?

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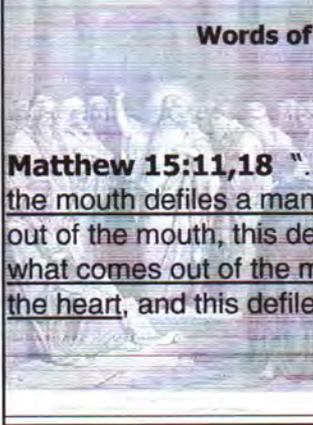
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**Words of Jesus**



**Matthew 15:11,18** "...not what goes into the mouth defiles a man, but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man... But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a man."

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# The Human Fall

**1.1 The Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil**

- God of Love
- Matthew 15:11
- Original Sin → Transmittable

*Literal or Symbolic?*

• Original sin has been inherited from this act of our first human ancestors. Yet how can something one eats cause a sin which can be transmitted to one's descendants?

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**1.1 The Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil**

- God of Love
- Matthew 15:11
- Original Sin → Transmittable
- Test that could cause death?

*Literal or Symbolic?*

• Would the God of love test human beings so mercilessly by a means that would cause their death?

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**1.1 The Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil**

- God of Love
- Matthew 15:11
- Original Sin → Transmittable
- Test that could cause death?

*Literal or Symbolic?* **Desire more than life**

- Adam and Eve would not have risked their lives and disobeyed God only to obtain some delicacy.
- The fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil was not an ordinary fruit, but something so extraordinarily stimulating that even the fear of death did not deter them from grasping it.

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# The Human Fall

## Tempted by Desire

**James 1:13-15** "Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin; and sin when it is full-grown brings forth death."

**DESIRE** → **TEMPTATION** → **SIN** → **DEATH!**

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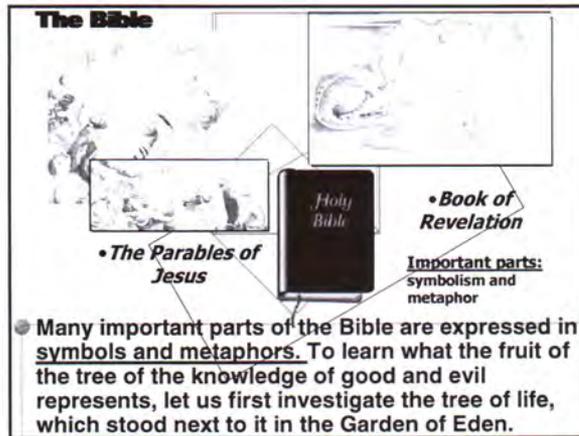
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**The Bible**



• *The Parables of Jesus*

• *Book of Revelation*

**Important parts:**  
symbolism and metaphor

• Many important parts of the Bible are expressed in symbols and metaphors. To learn what the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil represents, let us first investigate the tree of life, which stood next to it in the Garden of Eden.

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**John 16:25** "These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs; but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father."

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# The Human Fall

**Tree of Life**  
**What Does It Symbolize?**

**John 15:5** “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit...”

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**Tree of Life**  
**What Does It Symbolize?**

**Romans 11: 16 – 17** “For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root be holy, so are the branches. And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the (true) olive tree;

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**Tree of Life**  
**What Does It Symbolize?**

**Tree of Life Symbolizes**

**JESUS**

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# The Human Fall

## Tree of Life

### What Does It Symbolize?

**1Cor 15:21 – 22** For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

And so it is written, *The first man Adam* was made a living soul; *the last Adam* was made a quickening spirit.

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## Tree of Life

### What Does It Symbolize?

Tree of Life = Jesus

Jesus = Perfected Adam

Tree of Life = Perfected Adam

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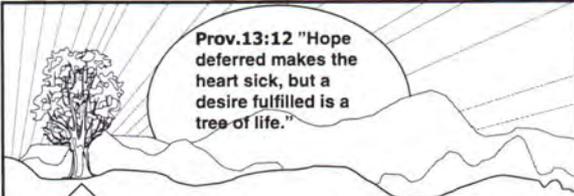
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Prov.13:12 "Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life."

Prov. 13:12  
Old Testament

According to the Bible, the hope of fallen people is to attain the tree of life. Thus the Israelites of the Old Testament Age looked to the tree of life as their hope.

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# The Human Fall

Rev. 22:14 "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life."

Prov. 13:12  
Old Testament

Rev. 22:14  
New Testament

Likewise, the historical hope of all Christians is to partake of the tree of life.

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Prov. 13:12  
Old Testament

Rev. 22:14  
New Testament

Gen. 3:24  
Adam's Hope

When Adam fell, God blocked his path to the tree of life by placing the cherubim with the flaming sword to guard it, so we can deduce that Adam's hope before the fall was the tree of life.

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**1.1.1 The Tree of Life**

**Adam**

**1.1.2 The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil**

**Eve**

The Tree of life symbolizes a man who has fully realized the ideal of creation. It thus symbolizes the ideal of Adam. The tree of the knowledge of good and evil represents the ideal of Eve, prior to the fall.

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# The Human Fall

## 1.2 The Identity of the Serpent

Gen. 3:4-5

Conversed with people

SERPENT

- In the Bible we read that a serpent tempted Eve to commit sin. Let us investigate its true identity, based upon the Genesis account.
- The serpent described in the Bible was able *to converse with people*.

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## 1.2 The Identity of the Serpent

Gen. 3:4-5

Conversed with people

Caused the human fall

Knew the will of God

Lived in heaven (Rev. 12:9)

SERPENT

- It *caused the fall of humans*, who are spiritual beings.
- The serpent *knew the will of God*, which strictly forbade human beings to eat the fruit.
- As written in Revelation 12:9, the serpent *was originally in heaven*, but was thrown down with his angels.

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## 1.2 The Identity of the Serpent

**Revelation 12:9** "And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called **the Devil and Satan**, the deceiver of the whole world--he was thrown down to the earth, and **his angels were thrown down with him** ."

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# The Human Fall

**1.2 The Identity of the Serpent**

Gen. 3:4-5

Conversed with people  
Caused the human fall  
Knew the will of God  
Lived in heaven (Rev. 12:9)  
Dominion over angels

SERPENT

spiritual being

- This is compelling evidence that the being the serpent symbolizes was a *spiritual being*.

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**1.2 The Identity of the Serpent**

Gen. 3:4-5

SERPENT

spiritual being

- The spiritual being represented by the serpent was originally created with a good purpose, but later fell and became Satan.

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**1.2 The Identity of the Serpent**

**II Peter 2:4** "For if God did not spare the angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of nether gloom to be kept until the judgment..."

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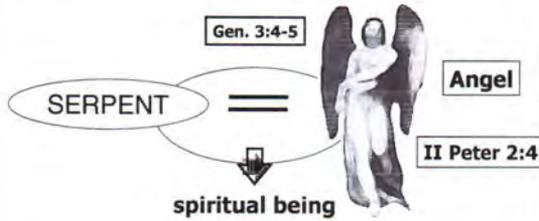
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# The Human Fall

## 1.2 The Identity of the Serpent



•We must conclude that the serpent which tempted human beings and sinned, is an angel.

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## 1.2 The Identity of the Serpent

Isaiah 14:12-15

"How you are fallen from heaven, O Day Star [Lucifer], son of Dawn! How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! You said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; above the stars of God I will set my throne on high... I will make myself like the Most High.' But you are brought down to Sheol [Hell], to the depths of the Pit."

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## 1.3 The Crime of the Angel

**II Peter 2:4** "For if God did not spare the angels when they sinned..."

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# The Human Fall

**The Crime of the Angel**

**Jude 6-7** “And the angels that did not keep their own position but left their proper dwelling have been kept by him in eternal chains in the nether gloom until the judgment of the great day; just as Sodom and Gomor’rah and the surrounding cities, which likewise acted immorally (fornication- KJV) and indulged in unnatural lust, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.”

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**1.3 The Fall of the Angel and the Fall of Human Beings**

Angel's Sin

Fornication

Jude 6-7

•From Jude 6-7 we can infer that the angel fell as a result of an illicit sexual relationship.

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**The Crime of Adam & Eve**

	
naked & unashamed Genesis 2:25	covered their lower parts Genesis 3:7

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# The Human Fall

**The Crime of Adam and Eve**

**Job 31:33** "If I have **concealed my transgressions like Adam**, by hiding mine iniquity in my bosom..."



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**1.3 The Fall of the Angel and the Fall of Human Beings**

Angel's Sin	Human Sin
Fornication	Ashamed of their Nakedness
Jude 6-7	Gen. 3:7

•From Gen. 3:7 we conclude that Adam and Eve's sexual parts were the instruments of their sinful deed.

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**1.3 The Fall of the Angel and the Fall of Human Beings**

Angel's Sin	Human Sin
Fornication	Fornication (Ashamed of their Nakedness)
Jude 6-7	Gen. 3:7

= Misuse of Love

•Hence, we can deduce that an illicit sexual relationship must have occurred between the angel and human beings.

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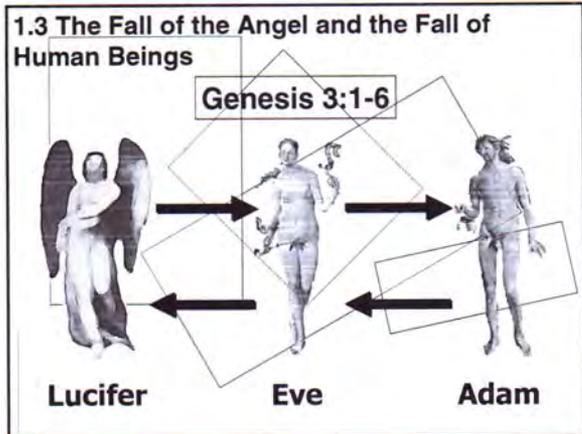
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# The Human Fall



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## 1.4 The Fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil



The Fruit = Love of Eve

- The fruit signifies the love of Eve. As a tree multiplies through its fruit, Eve should have borne good children through her godly love.
- Instead, Eve bore evil children through her satanic love.

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## 1.4 The Fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil



The Fruit = Love of Eve

- Eve's eating of the fruit denotes that she consummated a satanic love relationship with the angel, which bound her in blood ties to him.

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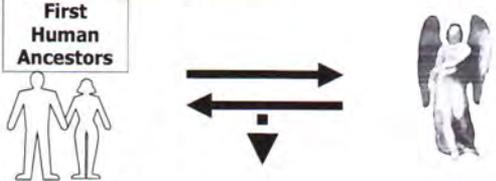
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# The Human Fall

**1.5 The Root of Sin**

First Human Ancestors

Angel



•The root of sin is that the Eve disobeyed God's word committing sin with the angel. Then Eve and Adam engaged in premature sexual relationship. They could not multiply God's good lineage but instead multiplied Satan's evil lineage.

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**1.5 The Root of Sin: Knowledge**

Genesis 4:1 Now Adam *knew* Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD."

4:17 Cain *knew* his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch...

4:25 And Adam *knew* his wife again, and she bore a son and called his name Seth...

19:5 [Men of Sodom to Lot] "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, that we may *know* them."



Tree of the knowledge

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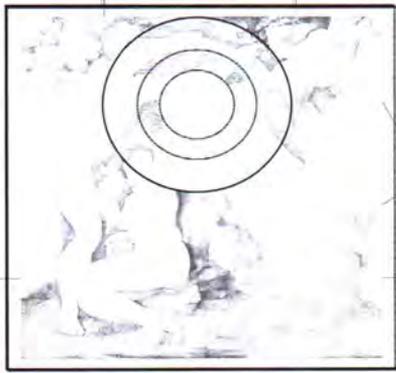
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**1.5 The Root of Sin: "Eat a Fruit"**



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# The Human Fall

“As an apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among young men. With great delight I sat in his shadow; and his fruit was sweet to my taste.”

*Song of Songs 2:3-4*

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“Let my beloved come to his garden, and eat of its choicest fruits. I come to my garden, my sister, my bride... Eat, O friends, and drink: drink deeply, O lovers!”

*Song of Songs 4:16-5:1*

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“You are stately as a palm tree, and your breasts are like its clusters [fruit]. I say I will climb the palm tree and lay hold of its branches. Oh, may your breasts be like clusters of the vine, and the scent of your breath like apples.”

*Song of Songs 7:7-8*

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# The Human Fall

**The Meaning of the Fruit**

“this is the way of an adulteress... she eats, she wipes her mouth and says, ‘I’ve done nothing wrong.’”

Proverbs 30:20

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**1.5 The Root of Sin**

1) Original sin → Inherited

Romans 5:17 “...because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man...”



1 Cor. 15:22 “...in Adam all die...”

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**1.5 The Root of Sin**

1) Original sin → Inherited

2) Blood Relationship with Satan

John 8:44 “You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires.”

Matthew 3:7 / 23:33  
“You brood of vipers!”

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# The Human Fall

<b>1.5 The Root of Sin</b>	
1) Original sin → Inherited	Romans 5:17 1 Corinthians 15:22
2) Blood Relationship with Satan	John 8:44
<p><b>Romans 8:23 "...we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait for adoption as sons..."</b></p>	Matthew 3:7 / 23:33

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<b>1.5 The Root of Sin</b>	
1) Original sin → Inherited	Romans 5:17 1 Corinthians 15:22
2) Blood Relationship with Satan	John 8:44
3) Fornication/Adultery → Cardinal Sin	Matthew 3:7 / 23:33
<p><b>Proverbs 6:32 "He who commits adultery has no sense; he who does it destroys his own soul."</b></p> <p><b>1 Corinthians 6:18 "Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body."</b></p>	Romans 8:23

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<b>1.5 The Root of Sin</b>	
4) Old Testament → Circumcision	
<p><b>Genesis 17:11 You shall be circumcised ... and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you.</b></p>	

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# The Human Fall

## 1.5 The Root of Sin

4) Old Testament → Circumcision

5) New Testament → Celibacy

1 Cor 7:38 "...he who marries his betrothed does well; and he who refrains from marriage will do better."

Matthew 19:12 "...there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven..."



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## 1.5 The Root of Sin

4) Old Testament → Circumcision

5) New Testament → Celibacy

6) Degradation of Sexual Morality



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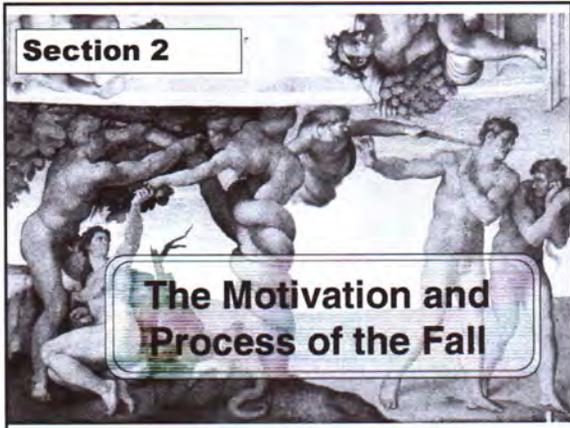
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## Section 2



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# The Human Fall

## 2.1 Angels, Their Missions and Their Relationship to Human Beings



•**Angels** were created by **God** prior to any other creation.

•God created angels to be His retainers (Heb. 1:14), "**servants**" (Rev. 22.9), and "**ministering spirits**" (Heb. 1:14), who would assist Him in creating a sustaining the universe.

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## 2.1 Angels, Their Missions and Their Relationship to Human Beings

Mt. 1:20 / Lk 1:31 Herald Conception of Christ

Gen. 18:1-10 Convey God's Message to Abraham

Angels Serve God ***and Humans***

Acts 12:7-10 Free Peter from Prison

Rev. 7:11-12 Praising God



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## 2.1 Angels, Their Missions and Their Relationship to Human Beings

Hebrews 1:14 "Are they not all **ministering spirits sent forth to serve**, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation?"

1 Corinthians 6:3 "Do you not know that **we are to judge angels**?"

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# The Human Fall

**2.1 Angels, Their Missions and Their Relationship to Human Beings**

- God's Children
- Dominion over the creation

- Created first
- Retainer, servant, ministering spirit

•Because God created human beings as His children and gave us dominion over all creation, we are meant to rule over the angels as well.

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**2.2 The Spiritual Fall and the Physical Fall**

Spirit Self

Physical Self

•God created human beings with two components: the spiritual self and the physical self. The human Fall likewise took place in two dimensions: the spiritual and the physical.

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**2.2 The Spiritual Fall and the Physical Fall**

Spirit Self

Physical Self

•The fall which took place through the misuse of the love between the angel and Eve was the spiritual fall, while the fall which occurred through the sexual relationship between Eve and Adam was both spiritual and physical.

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# The Human Fall

## Angelic Interaction with Humans



- Gen. 32:22-32 Jacob wrestles an angel

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## Angelic Interaction with Humans



- Gen. 19:3 Lot prepares a meal for the angels and they eat!

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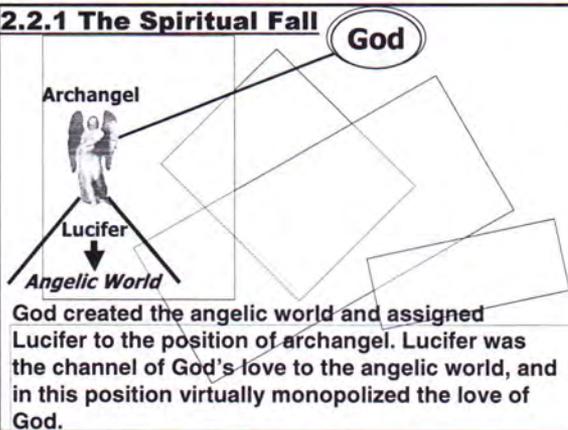
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### 2.2.1 The Spiritual Fall



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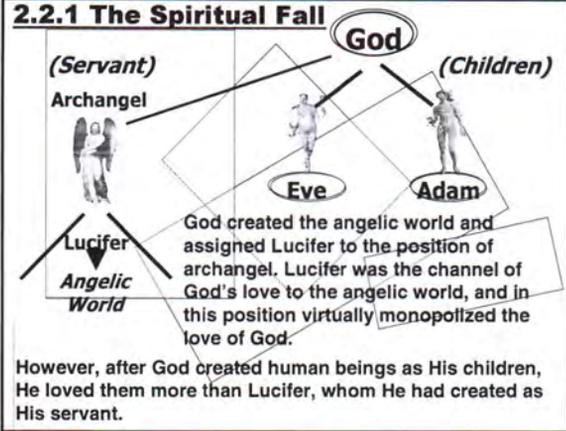
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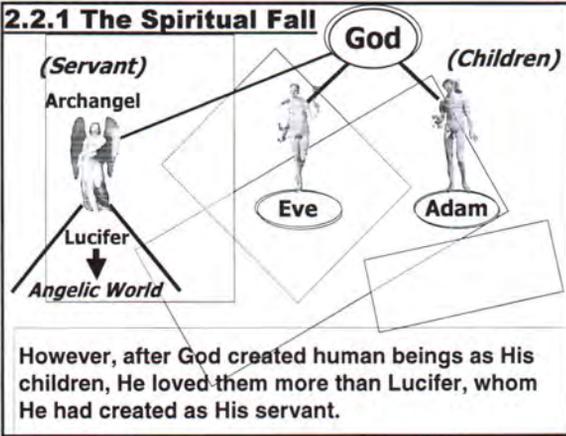
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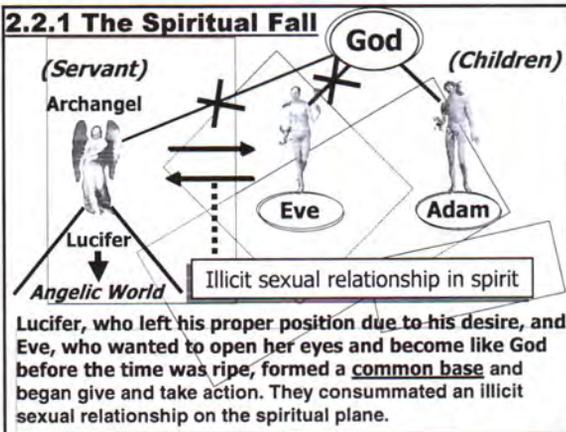
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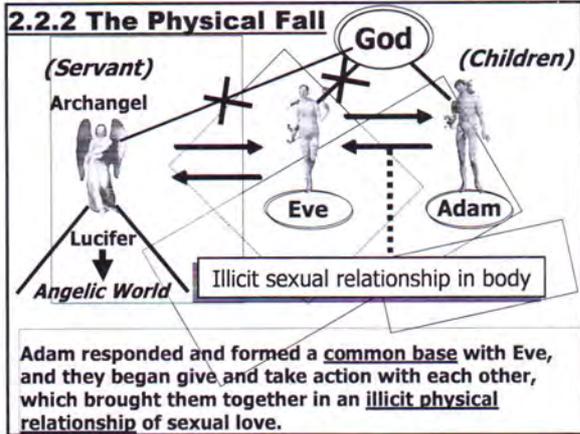
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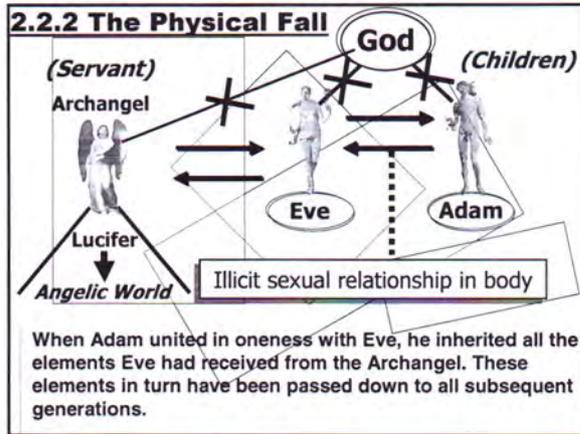
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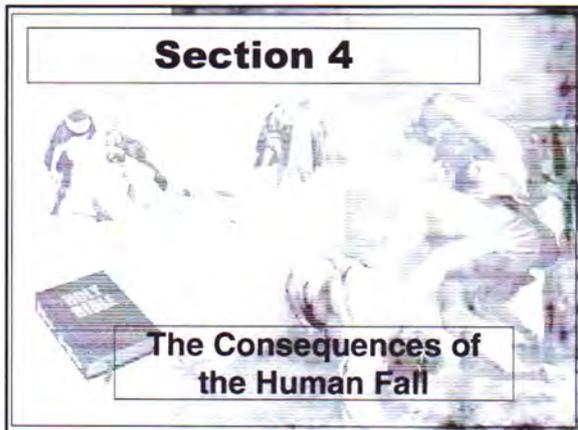
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# The Human Fall

**4.1 Satan and Fallen Humanity**

John 8:44  
 Matthew 3:7  
 Matthew 12:34  
 Matthew 23:33

"Satan" [Hebrew: "Enemy"] is the name given to the Archangel Lucifer after he fell. When the first human ancestors fell, they bound themselves in blood ties with Lucifer. They formed a four position foundation yoked to Satan, and thus all humanity became the children of Satan.

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**4.1 Satan and Fallen Humanity**

John 8:44 "You are of your father, the devil. And your will is to do your father's desires."

Matthew 23:33 "You serpents! You brood of vipers! How are you to escape being sentenced to hell?"

Matthew 3:7		Matthew 12:34
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**4.1 Satan and Fallen Humanity**

Had Adam and Eve reached full maturity and built a four position foundation centering on God, the world of God's sovereignty would have been established at that time.

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# The Human Fall

**4.1 Satan and Fallen Humanity**

While still immature, however, Adam and Eve fell and formed a four position foundation centering on Satan. Consequently, this world has come under Satan's sovereignty.

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**4.1 Satan and Fallen Humanity**

**2 Corinthians 4:4** "...the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers..."

**John 12:31** "...now shall the ruler of this world be cast out ..."

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**4.2 Satan's Activities in Human Society**

Satan cannot perpetrate his evil activity unless he first finds an object partner with whom he can form a common base and engage in give and take action.

Satan's object partners are evil spirits in the spirit world.

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# The Human Fall

**4.2 Satan's Activities in Human Society**

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The object partners to these evil spirits are the spirit selves of evil people on the earth

Accordingly, the power of Satan is conveyed through evil spirits and is manifested in the activities of earthly people.

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**4.2 Satan's Activities in Human Society**

**Luke 22:3** "Then **Satan entered into Judas** called Iscariot, who was of the number of the twelve; ..."

**Matthew 25:41** "...the devil **and his angels...**"

**Mark 5:8** For he had said to him, "Come out of the man, **you unclean spirit!**"

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**4.2 Satan's Activities in Human Society**

**Matt. 12:45** "Then he goes and brings with him **seven other spirits more evil than himself...**"

**Eph. 6:12** For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

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### 4.5 Sin

Sin is a violation of heavenly law which is committed when a person forms a common base with Satan, thus setting a condition for give and take action with him.

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### 4.5 Sin

**Romans 3:23** "...since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..."

**1 John 1:10** "If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us..."

Sin can be classified into four kinds. The first is Original sin, which originated with the fall of our first human ancestors.

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### 4.5 Sin

**Classification of sin**

**1. Original sin**

**Romans 5:17** "...because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man ..."

**1 Corinthians 15:22** "...in Adam all die..."

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# The Human Fall

### 4.5 Sin

**Classification of sin**

1. Original sin
2. Hereditary sin
3. Collective sin
4. Individual sin

The fourth is **Individual sin**, which an individual himself commits.

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### Section 6

## The Reason God Did Not Intervene in the Fall of the First Human Ancestors

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**God** → **Omniscient and Omnipotent**

~~Intervene~~ → **Deviant acts**

- God, being omniscient and omnipotent, must have known about the deviant acts of the first human ancestors, and was certainly capable of preventing them from carrying them out. Why, then, did God not intervene to prevent the Fall?

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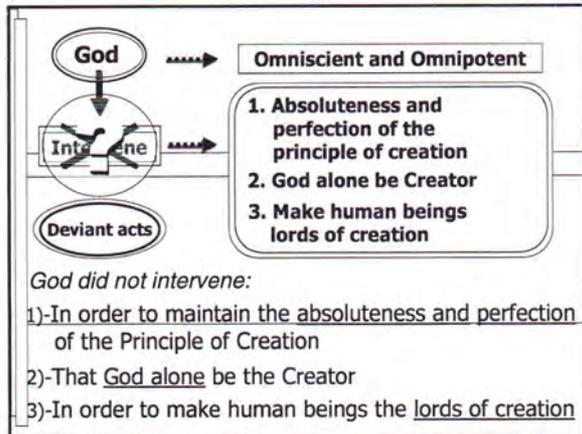
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# The Human Fall




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**The Heart of God**

**Genesis 6:6** "And **the LORD was sorry** that he had made man on the earth, and **it grieved him to his heart.**"

**Jeremiah 8:18-22** "**My grief is beyond healing, my heart is sick** within me... For the wound of the daughter of my people is **my heart wounded**, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold on me."

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**The Heart of God**

**Jeremiah 9:1** "O that my head were waters, and my eyes a fountain of tears, that **I might weep day and night** for the slain of the daughter of my people! O that I had in the desert a wayfarers' lodging place, that **I might leave my people and go away from them!**... they proceed from evil to evil, and **they do not know me**, says the LORD."

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