

Lesson 4: Satan's Plan of Evil

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Preceding Context of Genesis 12

- Creation
 - Angelic Realm
 - Proverbs 8:22-30
 - Job 38:1-7

 - Ezekiel 28:11-12 -Lucifer = light bearer, bright one, shining one
 - Cherubim, Seraphim, Angels

 - Genesis 1:1-5, 6-8 (only day He doesn't call good)
 - Genesis 1:14-19 (4th day God distributes the light to the host of heaven and puts it in the sun, moon, and stars)

 - Ezekiel 28:11-19
 - Lucifer- light bearer
 - ◆ **Sealest up the sum** = crowning glory of angelic realm

 - ◆ **Full of wisdom** = occupy position in angelic realm commensurate with endowment

 - ◆ **Perfect in beauty** = adorn and glorify his God who created him

 - ◆ **Anointed cherub that covereth** = Position around His throne that exceeded all others
 - ◇ He bathed God's throne w/ the beauty of the splendor of his covering, and enveloped it with the music of his tabrets and pipes (orchestrated the angelic worship and praise of God)

 - ◆ **Till iniquity was found in thee** = perverse violation of God's will and design filled the heart and from this point on he is described as a sinning creature who also set himself up as the determined adversary of God.
 - ◇ Does not cast himself upon God's mercy, but instead pursued a course of action in line with his iniquity

 - ◆ **Filled the midst of thee with violence** = lifted up with pride and self-worth in connection with his beauty and privileges; deemed himself worthy of deserving praise and worship
 - ◇ In that direct context he rejected that which only belonged solely to God and thought such praise and worship was also fitting for him
 - ◇ He began a satan to his creator and acquired the name that perfectly described what he had become: SATAN.

Satan

- Adversary = conducts as an opponent or a hindrance to you by determining to stand in your way & challenge you

- Satan is committed to challenging God & His plan & purpose

Formulated a Plan of Evil

- Isaiah 14:12-15
 - I will ascend into heaven (sets the stage)
 - ◆ 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
 - ◆ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds
 - I will be like the most High (Genesis 14:18-20)

- **I will ascend into heaven**
 - Not just an excursion, but taking up a position (different planes or modes in the heavenly sphere)
 - ◆ Ephesians 1; 4:10
 - Possessed residency in the heavenly places
 - Ascend into the realm above that in which he already dwelt (the realm of God's own abode)
 - Occupy a greater position of rank and authority
 - ◆ Ascending to the throne - rule over subjects
 - ◆ Self-promotion
 - Naturally entails the need to occupy positions of authority and dominion above the rest of creation (next 3 "I wills")

- **I will exalt my throne above the stars of God (1/3)**
 - Not simply the bright stars, but the angelic realm.
 - ◆ The angelic beings are spoken of as "stars" in connection with their occupation of the heavenly realm. (Job 38:7; Rev. 12:3-4)
 - ◆ Establishment of a throne above the angels, Satan will possess a position of exalted dominion over the angelic realm and the places in which they operate in creation
 - ◆ Exercise dominion over the heavenly places as if it were his own creation

- **I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north (2/3)**
 - "also" = I will sit also = another throne
 - "sides of the north" = Psalm 48:1-2
 - Job 1:6-7; 2:1-2
 - Deems to occupy such a position as well

- **I will ascend above the heights of the clouds (3/3)**
 - Another throne
 - In heaven - clouds in heaven
 - Glory that belongs to God, and the worship that He is due from His creation is the issue Stant I after with this particular throne
 - Become object of the worship and praise that is offered before that throne

- **I will be like the most high**
 - Genesis 14 = possessor of heaven and earth
 - He cannot get rid of God but desires to be "like" Him

- He wants to resemble God in being "the possessor of heaven and earth" and function as the owner of such
- Rule over what belongs to you, have the service of ones who belong to you, and the expectation of receiving admiration, praise, and honor.

Implementation of Plan of Evil

- Need to secure substantial claim in both heaven and earth to exercise his authority
- By himself he had no claim, nor were there any in league with him that he could rule over
- Recruitment
 - Eze. 28:18
- "Prince" = governing ruler who rules over a defined domain exercising authority over the persons who dwell there
- Satan not created a "prince"; but to succeed in his plan he needed to establish himself as one in both realms.
- "Prince" titles
 - Eph. 2:2, "...prince of the power of the air..."
 - Day 2 of creation
 - John 14:30; Luke 4:5-7 "prince of the world"
 - Genesis 1 = man as monarch of earth
 - Psalm 8:4-9
 - Sabbath
 - Blessed it
 - Sanctified it
 - Genesis 3 = man's fall of monarch of earth, Satan's usurpation