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THE ORIGIN OF SIN
GENESIS 3:1

"Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"

God created angels early (Job 38:7 KJV). Lucifer was once perfect, wise, beautiful, and a covering cherub (Ezekiel 28:12-15 KJV). Sin originated inside him through pride: "I will ascend… I will be like the most High" (Isaiah 14:12-15 KJV). God cast him and one-third of the angels out (Revelation 12:9 KJV; Luke 10:18 KJV).

Did God create sin or evil? No. "God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good" (Genesis 1:31 KJV). "God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man" (James 1:13 KJV). "God is light, and in him is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5 KJV). Evil is the corruption of good when a free creature chooses self over God.

This fallen Satan entered Eden subtly to plant doubt ("Hath God said?"). Today he targets our thoughts the same way. These truths help us: reject pride, trust God's goodness, guard our minds against subtle lies, and live confidently in Christ's victory (Genesis 3:15).

Question #1 Knowing Lucifer fell through pride in his own beauty and position (Ezekiel 28:17; Isaiah 14:13-14 KJV), how can this help us guard our own hearts and thoughts against pride in family life, school, or work?

Question #2 Did God create sin or evil? Using Genesis 1:31, James 1:13, and 1 John 1:5 KJV, how does this truth help us trust God's character even when we see evil in the world or in our own hearts?

Question #3 In Genesis 3:1, Satan's first words are subtle and question God's Word ("Hath God said?"). How do we recognize and reject similar subtle doubts or lies in our everyday thinking, media, or conversations?

Question #4 What practical steps can our family take this week to "submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7), following Jesus' example of using Scripture precisely when tempted?