

Encounter Church
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Lessons From the Garden Satan's Greatest Desire

Genesis 3:1 - "Now the serpent was more crafty (subtle, skilled in deceit) than any living creature of the field which the Lord God had made. And the serpent (Satan) said to the woman, "Can it really be that God has said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?"

JUST TO CONFIRM. REMEMBER, LET THE BIBLE INTERPRET THE BIBLE.

Revelation 12:9 - "This great dragon—the ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, the one deceiving the whole world—was thrown down to the earth with all his angels."

WHY WAS SATAN CAST DOWN TO THE EARTH? THAT WILL BE ANSWERED IN THE NEXT QUESTION

1. What was Satan's Greatest Desire

Isaiah 14:12-15 - "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! For you have said in your 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."

THE FIVE "I WILL'S" OF SATAN

1. I will ascend into heaven.
2. I will exalt my throne
3. I will sit on the mount of the congregation
4. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds.
5. I will be like the Most High

WHAT WAS SATAN'S GREATEST DESIRE? **HE WANTED TO BE WORSHIPPED**

THAT'S A HUGE PROBLEM

Matthew 4:10 - ".....You must worship the Lord your God and serve Him only."

SATAN WAS CREATED TO WORSHIP AND NOT BE WORSHIPPED

Isaiah 14:11 - "Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, And the sound of your stringed instruments;

Ezekiel 28:11-16 - "Thus says the Lord God: "You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes Was prepared for you on the day you were created. "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. "By the abundance of your trading You became filled with violence within, And you sinned; Therefore I cast you as a profane thing Out of the mountain of God; And I destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the fiery stones."

MOST ALL INSTRUMENTS FALL INTO THREE CATEGORY'S

1. Stringed
2. Percussion (Timbrel)
3. Brass (Pipes or wind instruments)

SATAN WAS CREATED WITH ALL THREE OF THESE INSTRUMENTS!

WHY? HE WAS THE WORSHIP LEADER IN HEAVEN

THERE ARE THREE MAIN ANGELS IN HEAVEN

1. Gabriel- Announcing the Word of the Lord
2. Michael- Answering Prayer
3. Lucifer- It was Worship

WHAT ARE THE THREE COMPONENTS OF OUR CHURCH SERVICES?

1. Worship
2. The Word
3. Prayer

SATAN'S DESIRE WAS TO BE WORSHIPPED, WHEN HE WAS THE WORSHIP LEADER.

AND GOD SAID, "YOU'RE GONE!"

2, What is Satan's Greatest Desire

We can answer that question by asking and answering this question.

Who is God's NEW Worship Leader? YOU ARE!!!

Do you know who else was created with stringed instruments? YOU WERE! It's called vocal cords!

Do you know who else was created with Brass instruments? YOU WERE! It's called your wind pipe that is connected to your voice box.

Do you know who else was created with a percussion instrument (Timbrel). You were, it's called clapping your hands!

WHAT IS SATAN'S GREATEST DESIRE

Matthew 4:8-10 - "Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. "I will give it all to you," he said, "if you will kneel down and worship me." "Get out of here, Satan," Jesus told him. "For the Scriptures say, 'You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.'"

Satan says, "If you'll express your worship to me." ***You see, worship has an expression!***

Satan is doing everything he can to keep you from expressing your worship to God!!! That's his greatest desire!

3. So What Should be Our Greatest Desire

Romans 12:1- "Beloved friends, what should be our proper response to God's marvelous mercies? I encourage you to surrender yourselves to God to be his sacred, living sacrifices. And live in holiness, experiencing all that delights his heart. For this becomes your genuine expression of worship.

1. **Humility.** Worship is fundamentally about humbling ourselves before an awesome God. We bow down because there is no greater or more powerful being and He is worthy of our complete surrender.
2. **Submission.** Worship is about submission of ourselves to the goals and purposes of our King. Bowing before our King is a recognition not only of His superiority but also of His right to command us and our responsibility to obey.
3. **Physical Response.** Worship is not just an inward heart response. Our hearts and Our bodies are closely connected.

WHAT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT SAYING TO YOU THROUGH THIS MESSAGE?