

Studying Sin Seriously

Sound Doctrine For Everyday Living Series

Chapter 1



WAS ADAM “WITH” EVE?

This Question Comes From the language of Genesis 3:6

- My **“Personal Position”** is that Adam was **NOT** Present
 - It requires us to assume Adam sat idle, offered no protection and said or did nothing while having direct instruction from God **NOT** to eat the fruit.
 - **1st Timothy 2:14** states Adam was not deceived; it was Eve (**Why not both?**)
 - Adam was not held accountable for not stopping Eve, but eating only
 - Adam is absent from the dialogue and neither appears as the subject or object of any sentence in the narration. (**Only the Serpent and Eve speak**)
 - **Genesis 3:17** says Adam listen to the voice of his wife, **not Satan’s voice**
 - The controversial phrase “with her” can be understood in a relational rather than a spacial context. (*Consider the language of Genesis 3:12*) *“with me”*
 - The Study of Elias Brasil de Souza: “immah” with her / “immadi” with me

THE ORIGIN OF SIN

This Discussion Focuses On Three (3) Main Divisions:

- **The Pre-Eden Origin of Sin**

- The Origin of Satan

- **The Origin of Sin on Earth**

- Genesis Chapter 3

- **The Origin of Sin Within The Individual**

- Sin is of such a nature that it cannot be inherited.



Pre-Eden Origin of Sin



THE MANY NAMES OF SATAN

Biblical & Descriptive Names

- Satan (Job 1:7) = Adversary
- Devil = False Accuser/Slander
- Lucifer = Isaiah 14:12
- Beelzebub = Ruler of Demons
- Tempter = 1st Thessalonians 3:5
- Wicked One = Matthew 13:19, 38
- Accuser of the Brethren = Revelation 12:10
- Ruler of this World = John 12:31
- The god of this age = 2nd Corinthians 4:4
- Prince/Ruler of the power of the air = Eph. 2:2
- The Dragon = Revelation 12:9, 20:2
- Ancient Serpent = Revelation 12:9
- Serpent of old = Revelation 12:9
- Belial/ Baalial, Balial, Belhor, Beliall, Beliar, Berial, Bylyl= 2nd Corinthians 6:15
- Father of lies = John 8:44
- HEYLEL = Spreading Brightness/Shining One
- Lucifer = Day/Morning Star (Stolen Name)
 - **Revelation 22:16** Jesus's Reference
- The accuser
- The adversary
- Abaddon (Hebrew)/Apollyon (Greek)
- The angel of the bottomless pit
- The antichrist
- The Beast
- The deceiver
- The enemy
- The evil one
- The liar
- The murder



PRE-EDEN ORIGIN OF SIN

The Original Origin of “Evil” and “Sin”

To identify the genesis of sin, we must deal with the origin of Satan

He was not a “god” (subordinate to God)/Not a man (power above man)

- What was/is Satan? **A Fallen Guardian/Cover Cherub (Angel)** (NIV)
 - **Ezekiel 28:12-18** Provides a great description of Satan’s Creation
 - Satan at his creation was a beautiful anointed being
 - God did not create Satan evil and thus God is NOT the “author” of sin.
 - Satan was perfect in his ways, but sin was later found in him (**Vs. 12-15**)
 - How do we compare to Satan and why should Satan be jealous?

PRE-EDEN ORIGIN OF SIN

The Original Origin of “Evil” and “Sin”

- What Caused Satan’s Fall & Rebellion against God?
 - **“Pride” 1st Tim 3:6 – The Condemnation of the devil**
 - **Ezekiel 28:16** “Multitude of thy merchandise/trading”
 - Tyre: Traded for his own power with **“*deceptive business practices*”**
 - Satan: Traded his created glory. Evil ambition possessed his soul
 - **Isaiah 14:12-14** (Satan’s Sin), **Luke 10:18** (Jesus witnessed his fall)
- What provokes Satan to carry on his revolt against God/Mankind?
 - **His Punishment/Eternal Fate** = Lost beyond redemption (*from within himself*)
 - **Matt. 25:41, Revelation 20:10, Ezekiel 28:18-19**
- How serious does God dislike the sin of Pride? **Prov. 6:16-19/16:18-19**

Origin Of Sin On Earth



THE ORIGIN OF SIN ON EARTH

Genesis Chapter 3: “Satan’s Diabolical & Deceptive Tactics”

- The Nature and Progressiveness of His Attacks:
 - **Timely Approach:** *Alone, unsupported, in perfectly timed weak moments*
 - **Matthew 4:1** – *The Temptation of Jesus*
 - **Insinuating Questions:** Designed to create doubt in the heart of men
 - **Genesis 3:1** – God’s word has to be taken out for him to have his way
 - **Implication of Unfair Treatment:** Satan wants to convince us that living the Christian life is burdened, thwarted, mistreated, deprived, too servile
 - **Blatant and Presumptuous Lies:** We must know the “Truth”

THE ORIGIN OF SIN ON EARTH

Satan's Three (3) Way Approach: *1st John 2:15-17*

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man" (1st Cor. 10:13)

- The Lust of the Flesh
- The Lust of the Eyes
- The Pride of Life
- **The Temptation of Eve: Genesis 3:6**
 - **Flesh** = saw good for food, **Eyes** = pleasant to eyes , **Pride** = desired to be wise (Ungodly manner/Beyond allowed)
- **Jesus Tempted: Matt 4:1-11** **Jesus Knows Our Battle: Heb. 4:15**

THE ORIGIN OF SIN ON EARTH

The Three (3) Steps in Man's Fall

Man Heard A Lie

Man Must Hear The Truth

Man Believed A Lie

Man Must Believe the Truth

Man Obeyed A Lie

Man Must Obey The Truth

Lessons Learned From Eve:

She discussed matters with the Devil

Her safety lay in giving the matter no consideration

What God has FORBIDDEN is not a matter of question, study, or reason

Our safety lies in complete submission to the will of God WITHOUT question!

THE ORIGIN OF SIN ON EARTH

• Why Did Man Sin?

- *Not due to Ignorance: Man desires freedom from divine constraint/God*
- *Consider the nature of the “Prodigal Son” (**Luke 15: 11-32**)*
 - *Why leave home?, How could he ask for an inheritance?, Why come home?*
 - *We cannot make it alone: (**2nd Corinthians 3:5, 15:10**)*
- *The Pride of Man’s heart lead to his sin: “**Selfhood**” vs. “**God-hood**”*

• Why Did God NOT Make Man Incapable Of Sin?

- *If Man was incapable of sin, man would be “Robots/Machines” (**Like Computers**)*
- ***Inherent Impossibilities**: under any/all circumstances an act will not develop into a crime/sin. (Without “Free Will” it would be impossible to sin)*
 - *Examples: Matter cannot exist without Space / Freewill cannot exist without the ability to do Wrong/Evil/Sin (**Individual “Choice”**)*

THE ORIGIN OF SIN ON EARTH

The Result of Man's Sin

Guilt - Genesis 3:8

Separation – Genesis 3:23,24

Fear - Genesis 3:10

***Subjection* – Genesis 3:16**

Shame - Genesis 2:25, 3:7

***Sorrow* – Genesis 3:16**

Death – Genesis 3:17

***Servile Toil* – Genesis 3:17-19**

Question:

When Have You Sinned and NOT Felt One of These Results?

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Hope For Man's Sin

The Messianic Prophecy:

(Savior/Promised Deliverer)

*The first of the Messianic Prophecy (Woman's Seed) – **Genesis 3:15***

Satan bruises the heel of the Seed when Jesus was nailed to the cross

*The Seed Continues Through Abraham to Christ – **Galatians 3:16, 29, 4:4***

*Jesus Fulfills the Prophecy by Overcoming Death & Hades – **Matt. 16:21***

The Seed bruised/crushed the head of the serpent when Jesus raised!

THE ORIGIN OF SIN ON EARTH

Satan's Attack On Genesis 3

Satan is waging war because of the curse in **Genesis 3:14-15**

The Prophecy predicts Satan will strike the heel of the woman's offspring (Christ), but Christ will ultimately triumph over Satan.

There's Evidence That This Account, Curse, and Prophecy Are Real

Jesus confirms the account – **Matthew 19:4**

Paul believed it to be a real account – **2nd Corinthians 11:3**

The Sentence/Curse is a literal actuality – **Genesis 3:14-15**

So, What's Satan's Purpose Since He Knows His Ultimate Fate?

Origin Of Sin Within The Individual



THE ORIGIN OF SIN WITHIN THE INDIVIDUAL

Sin Does NOT Originate in the Individual Through
“Hereditary Total Depravity”

Definition: Humans are born into sin & unable to choose good without God’s grace.

- Sin cannot be inherited (*Denies Freewill and makes God responsible for sin*)
 - **Ezekiel 18:20** Teaches the child does not bear the iniquity of the father...
- Sin is an act constituting a violation of the Word of God – **1st John 3:4b** (KJV)
- Children are not born depraved, but Jesus says become as a child (**Matt. 18:1-4**)
- The spirit is not depraved since God is the “Father” of our spirit – **Hebrews 12:9-10**
- If the flesh is depraved, then why was Jesus not born depraved? **John 1:14**

THE ORIGIN OF SIN WITHIN THE INDIVIDUAL

The Origin of Sin According to The Book of **James 1:13-15**

The Reason and Bringing to Fruition of Sin:

- **Lust** = to have an intense desire, longing or need / craving
- **Enticement** = to attract artfully, skillfully, or by arousing hope or desire/Tempt
- **Temptation** = to entice to do wrong by promise of pleasure or gain
- **Resulting In Sin and Ultimately Spiritual/Physical Death**

*“Improper desire has seduced the will and tempted it to submit to impure conduct”
From this wicked union sin is conceived, and ultimately born. He who sins is the
begetter of his own sin, and ancestor of his own demise...– Wendell Winkler*

Consider Achan's Sin - **Joshua 7:20-26** (He saw, coveted, took, and died) **Short-lived**

Conclusion

The History of Man is Built Around Three (3) Trees:

1. The Tree of Knowledge (Genesis 2:17)

- Bringing to our minds, man's sin

2. The Tree of Calvary (Acts 5:30)

- Revealing to us man's (*conditional*) redemption

3. The Tree of Life (Revelation 2:7)

- Telling us of man's (*conditional*) eternal home